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Incidents of Moral Policing

Moral policing by alleged Hindu Vigilantes

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Two boys (aged 22) from Madikeri and a Hindu girl and a Christian girl (aged 16) were having ice-cream at a local ice-cream parlour. Suddenly a group of [Hindu] moral police barged into the parlour and asked the foursome what they were doing there. Then they slapped the two boys. The girls have lodged a complaint with the Belthangady police stating that the members of the group (aged between 18 and 25) surrounded them, abused them in filthy language and assaulted the boys. - *"The Hindu"*, 9th.

24.1.2013. Mangalore.

A couple was reportedly waiting at Pumpwell Circle at around 11 p.m. for a Bangalore-bound bus. Noticing that the couple belonged to different religious groups, some bus conductors and others passed on the information to some saffron organizations. Within seconds a group of saffron activists arrived. They surrounded the couple and asked the Mangalore rural police station to come to the spot. It is reported that the police took the couple to the police station and some discussions took place between the couple and the saffron group. Details are not known - *"Karavali Ale"*, 25th.

30.1.2013. Mangalore.

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Mangalore vigilantes at it again

Students at lounge harassed by Bajrang Dal activists



ONE MORE INCIDENT: The open terrace at Roxx from where the seven-member group was bundled off to the police station. — PHOTO: R. ESWARRAJ

Mangalore Bureau

MANGALORE: Vigilantism raised its ugly head again in Mangalore when members of the Bajrang Dal and its women's wing, Durga Vahini — accompanied by the police — traumatised a group of seven young people meeting at an ice-cream lounge here Wednesday evening.

The group, all undergraduate students, were hauled off to the Pandeshwar police station after the vigilantes accused them of 'immoral' activities. At the station, they were made to wait for 45 minutes before being sent away without being charged.

Open terrace

According to the manager of Roxx, on Attavar Main Road, some 10 Bajrang Dal activists, with two policemen in tow, marched up to the smoking area on the open terrace leading from second floor where the four girls and three

boys were, around 5.30 p.m., and asked them to come to the police station for their "immoral" and "uncultured" behaviour. When the young group protested, one of the intruders used foul language against a girl, the manager said, adding that the group were regulars there.

At the police station, the vigilantes, who said they were from the Bajrang Dal and Durga Vahini, told reporters there were complaints from neighbours that young people smoked cannabis at the lounge.

No case booked

Commissioner of Police Manish Karbikar said the police went to the spot to defuse the situation. "As smoking on the terrace was not an offence, the police have not booked any case," he said.

To this, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee secretary Ivan D'Souza, who visited the police station, countered:

"If no case was booked, why bring the students to the police station?"

A constable who accompanied the vigilantes said a Bajrang Dal activist had called the police station about "immoral activities on the terrace". He said that of the seven young people, three were found smoking while the rest were having soft drinks.

'A family joint'

B.M. Ashraf, managing director of Roxx, who spoke to the *The Hindu* on the phone from New Delhi, described the lounge as "an ice-cream parlour, a family joint, a clean place... there is no liquor, nothing of that sort." He said he was surprised and saddened by the incident. "We don't know why they had to do that."

He said he would not take any action or follow up with the police and he didn't "want to make it an issue".

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- "The Hindu", 31st.

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Questions over police role in ice-cream parlour raid

Staff Correspondent

MANGALORE: A day after four girls and three boys were whisked away from an ice-cream parlour targeted by right-wing activists, questions remain about the police's decision to detain them in the police station even after no evidence of ill-doing was found. T.R. Jaganath, Assistant Commissioner of Police, said the undergraduate students were taken to the station as a precaution, and to ensure "their safety among the activists".

On Wednesday evening, around 10 activists barged into the ice cream parlour, Roxx on Attavar Main Road, along with two policemen and targeted young people, some of whom were smoking on the terrace. The group accused the students of indulging in "immoral and uncultured" activities. "The students had not done anything illegal, but we thought they would be safe in the police station," Mr. Jaganath said.

Officials at Mangalore South police station said the students were kept at the station till around 9.30 p.m., and after the activists had left, they were escorted home. Parents of a few of the girls were informed about the incident, said an official.

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Another vigilante attack

Staff Correspondent

MANGALORE: A group of right-wing activists allegedly waylaid and assaulted a Muslim man and a Hindu woman who were travelling together in a car near the busy Kankanady market on Thursday evening.

According to the police, around 7.15 p.m., A.R. Khan, a manager of a mobile service centre, had offered to drop the

receptionist of the store to her house when a group of about five men allegedly stopped their car near Karavalli Circle.

The men allegedly trashed the duo. While Mr. Khan suffered injuries on his face, the lady suffered minor injuries, said Manish Karbikar, Mangalore City Police Commissioner. While a case has been registered, no arrests have been made so far, he said.

dent, said the incident showed the collusion of the police with organisations such as the Bajrang Dal and Durga Vahini, which were involved in the raid.

Only two tables at the ice-cream parlour were occupied on Thursday, and the customers seated said they were unaware of the incident.

While downplaying any loss of business due to the incident, Deepak Shetty, manager of the parlour, dismissed claims that neighbours had complained about the parlour. "We did not get any complaint so far. One of those who barged in said he was a local resident who lived down

the road. This seems unlikely because the area he pointed does not have big apartments from where the terrace can be seen," he said.

What is Durga Vahini?

According to Sharan Pumpwell, local Bajrang Dal leader, Durga Vahini is the women's wing of the VHP.

While admitting that the tip-off on Wednesday was off the mark, Mr. Pumpwell said the organisation had "seen enough people" headed to the parlour to consume marijuana, a charge denied by Mr. Shetty. "Nothing illegal happens here. We do not even sell alcohol or cigarettes," he said.

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- "The Hindu", Feb 1.

31.1.2013. Mangalore.

A.R. Khan, manager of a mobile shop near Pumpwell Circle was taking a Hindu woman employee to her house in his car. At around 7:15 p.m. activists of Bajrang Dal forcibly stopped the car on the Kankanady New Road. They hurled abuses at Khan and assaulted him. Khan who suffered bleeding injuries to his face has lodged a complaint at the Kadri police station. A Bajrang Dal leader justified the attack saying they had been watching the couple for the past few days following complaints that they were having an illicit affair. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 01.02.2013.

02.02.2013. Mangalore.

The Pandeshwar police conducted a raid on the G6 Music Café at Valencia following a tip-off that Bajrang Dal men were contemplating an attack on the café. Bajrang Dal had alleged that immoral activities were going on at the café. Surprised students inside the joint are said to have run helter-skelter. Reportedly the café had the requisite permission for running a bar, but did not possess the license for a live band. According to sources the café is owned by a high-ranking police officer. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 3rd.

08.03.2013. Mangalore.

Soundarya, daughter of Umesh Devadiga residing at I Block, Katipalla was returning home from Suratkal after purchasing a SIM card for her mobile. It was around 8:30 p.m. Observing that she was being followed by some youth, she immediately notified her neighbour Noushal who happened to be traveling in the same bus. After getting down from the bus and while they were walking towards Soundarya's home a group of 8-10 persons attacked them. The members of the group assaulted Noushal and abused Soundarya. Soundarya ran home and informed her father. But before he could reach the spot the miscreants managed to escape. The Suratkal police have registered a case following a complaint lodged by Soundarya's father. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 10th.

28.03.2013. Kaup.

Tanzim (21), a car driver hailing from Mallaru (in Kaup), Akash (20) a student, and two girls were roaming on the Kaup beach in the afternoon. Some local persons became suspicious and questioned the foursome. When no proper explanation was forthcoming, the youth were thrashed and the Kaup police were called in. While one of the girls was found to be a 10th grade student, the other was an employee of a shop at Udupi dealing in fancy items. The police took the youth and their car to the station. Then they called the boys' parents to the station and obtained a statement from them. Afterwards the boys were allowed to go with their car. Later the police dropped both the girls at their respective homes. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 29th.

03.04.2013. Puttur.

In yet another instance of moral policing, Zubair of Purushara Katte was attacked with iron rods for talking to a girl from a different community. Zubair has been admitted to the local government hospital. Zubair is taking computer lessons at the Isha Tutorial College at Puttur. He says he was attacked by a group of 12 persons at around 1 p.m. as he was walking towards Nellikatte after classes. The members of the group shouted at him for talking to the girl. The police have managed to trace one of the culprits and his name is said to be Narmesh. The rest of the gang is absconding. - *"Karavali Ale", 9th.*

19.06.2013. Sullia.

Munafir and Azhar hailing from Kasargod had gone to Mercara with two girls belonging to a different religious community. On their return journey they were waylaid and subjected to severe beating by a group of vigilantes, allegedly members of Bajrang Dal. One of couples managed to escape. But the other pair was taken to the police station. After completion of enquiries, the couple was let off with a warning. - *"Karavali Ale", 20th.*

20.06.2013. Mangalore.

Shiyabuddin of Jokatte and a girl from Iddya, had fallen in love with each other about an year ago when Shiyabuddin had come to paint her house. Upon seeing them sitting inside a car at Iddya, a gang of around 5 persons attacked them. After beating the couple the gang escaped. Acting on a complaint lodged by Shiyabuddin the police swung into action and arrested two of the culprits. The rest are said to be absconding. The police have registered the offence under IPC sections 506, 504, 149, 323, 329, 341, 147 and 143. It is reported that Mohit, Deepak, Santosh, Harish and Umakant who are the members of this gang were earlier involved in several communal disturbances in the nearby Suratkal area. It is said that they are being instigated by a saffron organization which is notorious for its goondaism. - *"Karavali Ale", 20th.*

05.07.2013. Mangalore.

Two young men and four girls, all employees of a call center, and two male friends of the former planned a week-end excursion to Mysore. The boys came at night in a Bolero vehicle and were picking up the girls from their homes. Activists of some saffron outfits somehow came to know about it. They followed the vehicle and assaulted the youths while they were picking up a girl staying near the Chitrapur temple. The boys' clothes were torn off. It is learnt that the Panambur police called the parents to the police station, warned them against a repetition of such events and closed the case. - *"Karavali Ale", 8th.*

08.08.2013. Puttur.

MSW students Dikshit and Jalal from Puttur and a Christian girl and a Muslim girl had come to Puttur for conducting some field studies. At lunch time they went to a restaurant near the bus terminus. Jalal had invited his friend Samad too and all of them were having lunch at the restaurant. An employee of the hotel, a member of Sangh Parivar, started questioning the presence of Muslims. The students were scared. They tried to get away in an autorickshaw. But a gang of around 25 men intercepted them at a place called Salmara. They were forcibly taken to an uninhabited place behind the police station and subjected to merciless beating. Samad and Jalal have been admitted to a private hospital at Puttur. - *"Karavali Ale", 9th.*

The Puttur police have arrested four persons in this connection. They are Chandra Singh (a member of the town municipality), Suraj Shetty B, Sachin A and Avinash K. The police are on the look-out for the rest of the culprits. - *"Karavali Ale", 12th.*



"The Hindu",

12.09.2013. Bantwal.

Alleging eve-teasing by Mohammed Iqbal, conductor of a bus on the Mangalore – B.C.Road route, a group of persons forced the bus to a stop at Melkar junction and pulled him out. They accused that he had teased Seetamma, wife of Sadananda Baira of Ira village and beat him black and blue. A severely injured Iqbal was later handed over to the Bantwal town police who admitted him to a hospital in Mangalore. Seetamma has lodged a complaint of misbehavior with the town police. It is learnt that she lodged a second complaint at the rural police station too saying that Iqbal had tried to molest her on August 2 also. The police are investigating. - *"Vartha Bharathi", 13th*.

20.09.2013. Mangalore.

Some 10-11 men and 4-5 women were working in the night shift as usual at the Orbis Business Management Pvt Ltd, a call center located at Kulur here. Around 11:30 p.m. four miscreants entered the office and demanded to see the owner. They assaulted one of the men employees and threatened three of the women and took photos and video recordings. When the employees objected they were beaten up. Later the gang assaulted the watchman too. Before they left they ordered the women not to work in night shift henceforth. Next morning the manager of Orbis lodged a complaint with the police. By evening the police arrested the culprits. All were released on bail shortly afterwards. The names of the four are Cable Harish, Deepak, Rajesh and Shiva. While the first two are believed to be members of the Hindu Yuva Sena, the other two belong to Bajrang Dal. It is learnt that the same gang was involved in the attack on a Christian prayer group in Kulur in 2008 and it was also responsible for communalizing festival events such as *Sharada Pooja*. - *"Karavali Ale", 23rd*.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Jagdish has said that as per instructions from higher authorities rowdy sheets will be prepared against all the four accused. - *"Karavali Ale", 24th*.

24.09.2013. Kundapur.

Ten students of a local college were spending their time in the Gandhi Park here from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Four of them were boys and the rest girls. Some persons who happened to observe them informed the media and the police. They said that they noticed indecent behaviour and that one of the boys was from a different community. The police arrived, took the students to the police station and made inquiries. It was learnt that they were final year students and they had vacations since 21 September. The four girls were their classmates and they had invited them [the boys] for a birthday party at a local hotel. But since it was too early they decided to spend time in the park. Later the principal

of the college came to the police station and took the students away. - *"Karavali Ale", 25th*.

2.10.2013. Mangalore.

In an apparent case of moral policing by the police, a group of five persons including two women traveling together was questioned and warned at the Mulky police station. The police stopped their car at Bappanadu on the Dakshina Kannada – Udupi border after receiving information that a right-wing Hindu group was trailing them. Though the police said they stopped the car to ensure that the occupants were not harmed, it ended with the youth being taken to the police station and "questioned" about their relationship. While the youths work in Mangalore the two girls are students of a college here. They were headed towards Manipal. "We ensured there was no violent flare-up and prevented a situation of violent moral policing" said police SI Somayya. "The girls and boys have done something wrong..... the girls had traveled with the three boys, whom they know only through mutual friends, and without informing the elders in the family. The students should think of their families and not do as they please." However he refused to say if there was a specific criminal charge against those detained. The five were allowed to go only after the girls' parents were informed. - *"The Hindu", 4th*.

7.10.2013. Mangalore.

A student couple waiting for a bus at the Roshni Nilaya stop in Valencia was assaulted by two persons Anil and Navin ostensibly because the boy and the girl happened to belong to different religious groups. The boy and the girl were pursuing their studies in a private college here and were classmates. It may be worth noting that last night Jagdish Karanth of the Hindu Jagran Vedike, had made a provocative speech at nearby Padil. - *"Karavali Ale", 8th*.

13.10.2013. Bantwal.

Miscreants damaged the glass cover of Mother Mary's statue located inside the Loretto church compound at Loretto Padav here in the early hours of morning. Upon hearing the news in the morning a large number of devotees gathered and held a protest demonstration. The police have recovered two soda bottles from the spot. District SP, Bantwal Inspector and the SHO Bantwal visited the place and observed the damage. - *"Karavali Ale", 14th*.

18.10.2013. Karkal.

Ansar (20), working as conductor on a private bus became friendly with a young woman passenger and the couple wanted to spend the night together in the boy's place. But some persons found out that the couple belonged to different religious communities and informed the police. The latter came to the spot,

called the parents of the couple, cautioned them and later set the couple free. - *"Karavali Ale", 20th.*

1.11.2013. Mangalore.

The Tulunada Rakshana Vedike has submitted a memorandum to the city police commissioner urging him to initiate action against a group that allegedly indulged in moral policing at Moodabidre recently. A video clipping said to be of the incident was also handed over. The two-minute video shows a group of Hindus attacking a Muslim boy for being with a Hindu girl. The video clip has been broadcast by a TV channel and also uploaded on social websites. However, the authenticity of the clip is yet to be established. - *"Karavali Ale", 2nd.*

13.11.2013. Bantwal.

Some Muslim boys from Kalladka had gone to the Rayappakodi railway crossing and were enjoying a chat. All of a sudden a hindutva group approached the boys and asked them to not sit there at night citing a recent incident of cattle theft. Allegedly a couple of members of the group thrashed the boys when they were leaving. The news spread fast and soon youth from both the communities gathered at the spot and started a hand-to-hand fight. When the police came to know this they rushed to the spot and made a lathi-charge. The fighting groups ran helter-skelter and the situation was brought under control. - *"Karavali Ale", 14th.*

17.11.2013. Puttur.

A group tried to spread a rumour in the Kumbra hamlet in Olamogru village about a Hindu girl being abducted by a boy from another religion. The group then visited the houses of some boys and made telephonic enquiries too. But when they went to the girl's house they found she was very much present there. The local people have condemned such attempts at raking up communal passions. - *"Karavali Ale", 19th.*

25.12.2013. Mangalore.

A boy and a girl, both PUC students had come to visit the Pilikula Biological Park. While they were talking to each other a gang of Hindu fundamentalists assaulted them. The police allegedly took the couple to the station and warned the students in the presence of their parents. But a police statement has claimed that the couple was not assaulted and the issue was resolved amicably. - *"Deccan Herald", 26th.*

Moral policing by alleged Muslim Vigilantes

28.1.2013. Uppinangady.

It is learnt that Jamir Ahmed (37) from Shimoga a married man with two children came to Uppinangady with his paramour. The couple had planned to rent a place at a religious center. But some locals thought the couple had come there for immoral purposes. When they tried to take the couple into their custody the latter managed to escape in their vehicle. But the locals chased them and finally caught hold of them at Kundaje near Alankaru. The couple was taken to the police station. The police made some inquiries and later informed their relatives. - *"Karavali Ale", 29th*.

27.02.2013. Belthangady.

He belongs to the goldsmiths' community and has two children. She is a Muslim lady and mother of two. They were neighbours and lived near Miyar of Puduvettu village. This morning both left for Kakkinje on a motorcycle. From there they boarded a bus for Mangalore. Some Muslim youth noticed the couple and followed the bus. When the bus halted at Guruvayanakere, they got into the bus, questioned the couple and made them get down from the bus. The couple was taken in an autorickshaw to a place called Thotathady and beaten up. The couple was rescued by a member of a Hindu group. Later the local people took the couple to the police station. Reportedly the couple was given a warning and was released after obtaining some sort of an undertaking from them. - *"Karavali Ale", 28th*

02.03.2013. Mangalore.

A boy and a girl were purchasing some electronic items at the local 'Dubai Market'. The boy belonged to the Hindu community. The girl was a Muslim. They were studying in a private college and were classmates. Some vigilantes, who happened to notice the two, started questioning them. In the meantime a large crowd gathered. Someone called the police and policemen from the Bunder station rushed to the spot. They took the boy and girl to the station and called the parents to the station. Later the boy and the girl were handed over to the respective wards after giving them a warning. - *"Karavali Ale", 3rd*.

13.03.2013. Padubidri.

A group of students from a college at Katipalla (in Suratkal) had gone to Manipal and were returning by bus in the evening. Among them there were two Hindu boys, two Muslim girls and a Hindu girl and they were all talking to one another. When the bus reached Kaup suddenly a group of some 15 Muslim boys appeared and forced the bus to a stop. Rajesh and Shrinath were pulled out and assaulted. The appeals of the two Muslim girls went unheeded. The group took one of the boys to Mulur on a motorcycle and beat him with clubs and cricket

bats. In a short while the gang sped away from the site. When some Hindutva activists came to know about the incident a large number of them gathered in front of the Kaup police station and shouted slogans. The Udupi district SP rushed to the spot, talked to the agitators, assured them of arresting the culprits soon and brought the situation under control. - *"Karavali Ale"* & - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 14th.

13.05.2013. Mangalore.

Faizan Muhammed and his sister Ayesha were going on his motorcycle to the KSRTC bus depot around 9:30 p.m. Ayesha was returning by bus to Bengaluru where she is pursuing her studies. It is alleged that three persons followed them in another motorcycle, waylaid them at Kalpane and assaulted them. In a complaint lodged at the Kadri police station, Faizan has alleged that the unknown attackers numbering three abused and assaulted the two of them with a helmet and left immediately. The attackers' motorcycle has been identified as Fashion Pro bearing the registration number KA 19E 1522. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 14th.

22.05.2013. Puttur.

Mallesh, the manager of the Puttur branch of Ideal Products, a company engaged in marketing of Ayurvedic medications, and his female assistant were doing door-to-door sale around Thingalady area. The newly appointed assistant happened to be a Muslim girl from Belthangady. Some local youth made enquiries with the girl and found that she was a Muslim and that she had joined this company just a few days back and that she was undergoing field training. The youth are said to have contacted her home. Reportedly they were informed that the parents had no idea she was in Puttur and that they would come there to take her back. Mallesh has told this paper that he is from Chikmagalur district and he had no idea about the ill-feeling between the two communities here. *"Karavali Ale"*, 23rd.

16.10.2013. Vittal.

Shamir and his niece were traveling in a motorcycle on their way to a relative's house at Mudipu. Shakir (24) forced the vehicle to a stop near the Kaniyur mosque and questioned Shamir about his intentions. Shamir tried to explained that the girl was his niece, but Shakir wouldn't listen. He assaulted Shamir and sped away to Vijayadka where he and his associate accosted Shamir once again and attacked both. When people started gathering Shakir and his friend escaped. Both Shamir and his niece have been hospitalized. Reportedly Shakir has been carrying on such anti-social activities in the nearby areas. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 17th.

19.10.2013. Bantwal.

Rashmit Raj (26), traveling in a bus from Mangalore noticed a Muslim girl from his neighbourhood in the bus and was talking to her. A boy sitting at the back questioned Rashmit Raj about his intentions and began abusing and threatening. Apparently the boy passed this information on to his associates because they were waiting at Farangipet. When the bus reached Farangipet the group pulled out Rashmit Raj and beat him up. Rashmit Raj has registered a complaint to this effect at the rural police station and named his attackers as Sharif, Ismail, Imran, Mustafa and 10 others. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 22nd.

20.11.2013. Belthangady.

There were complaints in Kakkinje about Dejappa Poojary having an illicit affair with a young woman belonging to a minority community. Reportedly three cases had been registered against Dejappa at the Belthangady police station. When the young woman went missing a few days ago, a complaint of abduction was made against Dejappa. But the girl reappeared a week later and gave a statement that she was away in Bangalore and had gone there on her own. It is alleged that despite this a group of youth attacked Dejappa with lethal weapons today. Dejappa received grievous injuries and has been admitted to a private hospital in Mangalore. The police have registered a case and are investigating. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 21st.

21.11.2013. Uppinangady.

A young woman, daughter of Ismail of Kodimbala village, lodged a complaint at the Kadaba police station here that while she was returning home from Kadaba an unknown person tried to molest her. When the news spread some youth approached the girl and made enquiries about the person's looks and his apparel. Armed with these details they went in search of the person. When they found one who they thought fitted the description they assaulted him and later paraded him before the girl only to be told that it was the wrong person. The victim, Madhava (20), a dalit, has now lodged a complaint of slander and assault under the Prevention of Atrocities Act against Sakir, Tajudin, Fatima, Mohammed, Adram, Ashish, Rashid and Faizal. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 23rd.

27.11.2013. Vittal.

It is reported that V.T.Prasad, a local reporter for *"Karavali Ale"* was attacked by a group resulting in serious injuries to him. The incident happened at Madakatte in Kolnadu village. It is alleged that Prasad was called out of a meeting he was attending in connection with the annual day of a nearby school. As soon as Prasad came out he was assaulted by the members of the group who later took him to the courtyard of a nearby house and continued the beating until he fell unconscious. Meanwhile the police arrived and shifted Prasad to a hospital in Puttur. He was later shifted to another private hospital in Mangalore. Prasad has

alleged that the group targeted him because they did not like him helping a poor Muslim widow to repair her house. Meanwhile the daughter of the widow has been admitted to a hospital and she has lodged a complaint with police saying Prasad barged into the house and tried to molest her. The police have taken Siddiq and another youth into custody. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 28th.

27.11.2013. Mangalore.

A young inter-religious couple from Moodabidre arrived in the city by bus in the afternoon. Reportedly they were followed right from Moodabidre by four persons allegedly members of KFD. As soon as the couple alighted from the bus at Hampankatta, the foursome started assaulting them. Immediately hundreds of people gathered and they managed to rescue the couple. The Bunder police arrived at the spot. But when contacted later, Inspector Cheluvvaraju denied any knowledge of the incident. It is learnt that no case has been registered at the Bunder station. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 28th.

6.12.2013. Mangalore.

Zubeda (name changed) had shifted residence from B.C.Road and started living at Bengre a couple of months ago. Her mother and sister too were staying with her. One of her sons is a cancer patient while the other suffers from fits. Hasan, a relative of Zubeda's sister and his friend Harris came on a visit to Zubeda's place. While Hasan left after some time Harris had to stay back since it wasn't possible for him to get back home at that time of the night. All of a sudden a group of around 20 persons barged into the house, created a ruckus and assaulted everyone before leaving. Hasan was informed and he returned to Bengre in the morning accompanied by policemen from the Panambur station. The attackers too came and alleged that Hasan was encouraging prostitution. They assaulted Hasan as well as the policemen. The police have registered cases against the group. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 8th.

22.12.2013. Bantwal.

Jayarama Poojary of Salethur who works as a truck driver for a company engaged in stone quarrying had come to Gadiyar, a village in Bantwal taluk, to collect payment for stones supplied. As he walked from the bus stop towards the village he met two women he knew. As he was talking to them a group of nearly 40 persons attacked him. He fell unconscious and when he woke up he was at the Wenlock Hospital in Mangalore. This is what Jayaram told the paper. The attackers have been identified as Umar, Faizal, Riyaz, Wajid and Habib. Puttur police have arrested Faizal, Habib, Salman and Adam in this connection. All the four were sent to 15 days judicial custody by the court. - *"The Hindu"*, 25th & 26th.

23.12.2013. Mangalore.

Atul Arvind, a student of Srinivas College and his friend Avinash had gone to watch a movie at the Platinum Theater. On their way back at around 4 p.m. Atul Arvind saw two girls one of whom was his friend and offered to give them a lift upto their hostel. As he was about to start his car, a group of around 10-15 persons surrounded the car. They pulled Atul out, abused him, hit him with helmets and threatened to kill him. Atul has lodged a complaint to this effect at the Pandeshwar police station. The police have said that they would investigate the matter and arrest the culprits shortly. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 28th.

27.12.2013. Mangalore.

A Muslim woman had engaged an autorickshaw to take her home. As the vehicle was passing the Town Hall the woman wanted to make some purchases at a bakery. The driver obliged and took her to a nearby bakery. But as soon as the woman got back into the vehicle a group of 10-15 persons attacked the driver, gave him a severe beating and ran away. Before running away they threatened to kill the woman. Since the driver preferred not to lodge any complaint no case has been registered. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 29th.

Identity of vigilantes unclear

21.02.2013. Mangalore.

A female DYFI activist living at Adyapadi had attended a tailoring class at Bajpe. After the class a male colleague offered a drop to her home. While they were on their way activists of a vigilante organization followed them in three motorcycles. They waylaid the couple at a secluded spot and ordered them to come to the police station. But when the couple objected the group abused them. In the end they left after warning the couple not to be seen together in future. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 22nd.

19.03.2013. Mangalore.

Some local persons saw a boy and a girl belonging to different religious communities roaming around near Sasihitlu at Suratkal and informed the police. The Suratkal police apprehended the couple and called their parents to the police station. They gave a warning to the parents and then released the couple. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 2nd.

26.09.2013. Bantwal.

Some persons calling themselves as a human rights group from Bantwal were spiriting away an inter-religious couple from Kaikamba in Mangalore to Bantwal in a car. Members of a local organisation saw this and informed the police. The

police managed to intercept the car and took the couple, Prakash D'Souza and Lata (name changed) to the police station. The so-called human rights activists wanted the police to register a case of prostitution which they refused. It was later revealed by the girl that she was a former member of the group and that she had left it upon learning their true intentions. Since then they were harassing her on one pretext or the other, she said. Later the police called the parents of the couple to the station, cautioned them and released the couple. - *"Karavali Ale", 27th*.

8.11.2013. Bantwal.

Instances of moral policing have been reported from an exhibition being held at the Poonja maidan at Kaikamba close to B.C.Road. The latest incident happened today when a young man objected to couples sitting in the revolving swing. This led to an altercation between two groups. When a fight broke out the police resorted to a mild lathi-charge and brought the situation under control. - *"Karavali Ale", 10th*.

28.12.2013. Belthangady.

Miscreants who saw a girl traveling on a motorcycle with a boy from another community stopped the bike, assaulted the boy, threatened the girl and escaped. The incident took place at Sabarabail near Maddadka. The girl is employed at a local petrol bunk. - *"Karavali Ale", 29th*.

Both Groups Involved

08.08.2013. Mangalore.

A group of Hindus and Muslims raided a house in Vamanjur near here where a Muslim youth and a married Hindu woman were living. Reportedly the man was scolded and slapped by a member of the group. The latter also admonished the woman for having an extra-marital relationship. Mangalore rural police arrived and sent away the groups and the couple. The police said no complaint was registered. An officer said it was a minor incident and a compromise had been reached between the vigilante group and the couple. The CrPC does not provide for any such compromise. A compromise can only be through a court and hence the police should book a case immediately, said a senior police officer.

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Light rain expected in pockets. An enjoyable morning. The sky is expected to remain cloudy over the city. A humid afternoon.

Police spectators to vigilantism

Officers allow a hostile moral brigade to take away a couple, call it minor incident

OFF DUTY

Staff Correspondent

MANGALORE: On Wednesday, Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) M.N. Reddi described vigilantism as a "challenge to the State". But in 48 hours, it has become "a minor incident".

As soon as the officer left Mangalore, the district witnessed two cases of moral policing. Though Mr. Reddi promised prompt action against vigilantes, in at least one case the police played, if not cheerleaders, then

- A group raided house where a Muslim youth was living with a married woman
- They slapped the man and admonished the woman, before taking them away

spectators. While the police did make arrests in one case reported from Puttur, in another case the police allowed a vigilante group take away a man and a woman living together without their consent. Not even a case was registered.

Mr. Reddi had warned that vigilantism, in whatever form, would not be tolerated and that police would take action against those attempting to impose their morals on others. He clearly

wanted that the groups to give information to police and leave it to the law enforcing mechanism to act.

But in Vamanjoor Thursday night, a group of Hindus and Muslims raided a house and harassed a couple.

The police said the group went to a house where a Muslim youth and a married Hindu woman were living.

The police said the man was scolded and then slapped by a member of the

group. The group also admonished the woman, who was older to the man, for having an extra-marital relationship. Mangalore Rural Police went to the house and then sent away the groups and the couple.

The police said no complaint was registered. "It is a minor incident. There is no case of assault," an officer said, and added there was a compromise between the vigilante group and the couple.

'Persuade victim'

When this incident was brought to his notice, Mr. Reddi said he would ask the Police Commissioner to inquire into the incident. "In such cases it will be better if

a complaint is filed. If the victim does not come forward, the police should persuade victim and get complaint registered," Mr. Reddi said.

Police would exercise preventive measures to stop such activism. "The Constitution does not contemplate vigilantism. There will be zero tolerance against vigilantism," he reiterated.

A senior police officer had earlier stated a compromise in a case can be through court directions and the police should book a case immediately in civil or criminal cases.

The Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) does not provide for any such compromise.

Pastries and noodles overshadow

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- "The Hindu", 10th.

Incidents of 'religious vigilantism'

02.03.2013. Puttur.

Abdul Aziz, a poultry merchant at Ankathadka (Palthad village) and Jayanti (19), hailing from the same place and employee of a cloth shop were in love with each other. A row had erupted between the two families on this issue around three months ago. When Jayanti went missing on 19.02.2013 her father, Narana Naika had lodged a complaint at the Puttur rural police station. The police received a call from Jayanti saying that she would be getting converted to Islam and marrying Abdul. The police traced the call to Ponnani in Kerala and sent a police team to Ponnani to bring back the couple. At the police station the girl changed her earlier statement. She now said that she was forcibly converted to Islam and it was Abdul who had paid the charges amounting to Rs 10,000. Based on her changed statement, the police booked cases against Abdul, his friend Muhammed Altaf, lawyer Nuruddin Salmara and Manoj, an autorickshaw driver. Nuruddin Salmara happens to be a lawyer and is also a general secretary

of the Congress Party's Minorities Cell. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 3^d & *"Karavali Ale"*, 4th.

The VHP, Mahila Jagruti Samiti and Hindu Jagran Vedike held a demonstration at Puttur alleging that this was another case of 'Love Jihad' and that all such converted girls were later sold in Kerala and the children born to them were used for terrorist activities. They accused the Karnataka Forum for Dignity (KFD) and the proscribed outfit SIMI of being involved in 'Love Jihad' and conversion of girls. Meanwhile according to information now available, before she left home Jayanti is said to have written a letter stating that she was leaving of her own accord in order to get married to the man she loved.- *"Karavali Ale"*, 5th.

Three arrested on conversion charge

Staff Correspondent

MANGALORE: Three persons, including an advocate who is also a member of the district Congress, were arrested by the Puttur police on Saturday on charges of "kidnapping and forcible religious conversion" of a girl belonging to a Scheduled Tribe.

Over 50 inmates of the jail where they have been lodged have written to the Governor alleging that the arrests were because of "political pressure" over an inter-religious love marriage.

According to the police, Salmara Nooruddin, an advocate and spokesperson of the district Congress Minority Committee, has been charged with aiding and abetting businessman Abdul Azeez, who is also a member of the District Muslim Central Committee, and Althaf, a resident of Bettampady, in their "efforts" to convert Jayanthi (19) from Palhadi village of Puttur taluk.

The three have been remanded to 14 days in judicial custody.

Missing complaint filed

On February 19, a week after her engagement to a person within her community, Jayanthi ran away from home. Her parents filed a missing complaint with the Puttur police.

She was then traced to Ponnani in Kerala from where the police brought her back.

Her parents filed another complaint alleging conversion and kidnapping, and based on Jayanthi's statement, the police registered a case naming Nooruddin, Azeez and Althaf as the accused.

Assistant Superintendent of Police (Puttur subdivision) in-charge Sadananda Warnekar said Jayanthi and Azeez were in a relationship.

• Girl was allegedly forced to convert by her boyfriend

• Jail inmates allege arrests are due to 'political pressure'

He said that Azeez had asked Jayanthi to run away from home and had given her Rs. 10,000 for her to go to Kerala, where he had arranged for them to get married.

'Pressure to convert'

"However, she told us that when she and her friend Manoj, whose role is being probed, made their way to Ponnani, Azeez told her he would marry her only when she converted to Islam. While there was no physical threat, we believe it was force through mental pressure. Based on her statement, we booked the case, in which Nooruddin and Althaf are said to have arranged the conversion and marriage," said Mr. Warnekar.

Meanwhile, the inmates of the jail submitted a plea, addressed to the Governor, to the jail superintendent on Sunday, alleging that the arrests were because of "political pressure".

They said that the lawyer was using the law to protect two persons in love who were being prosecuted by society and the police.

'Election gimmick'

P.M. Haneef Punchathar, an associate of Nooruddin and secretary of the Labour Cell of the district Congress, called it an "election gimmick". "He is being arrested for aiding the accused. Isn't it a lawyer's duty to help a client? They called him to the station for enquiry, and then arrested him," he said.

- "The Hindu", 4th.

08.03.2013. Udupi.

Alleging that religious conversions were taking place at 'Words of Victory', a prayer center located at the residence of Roshan Rajesh Lobo at Kattingeri, activists of Bajrang Dal attacked the place at around 10:30 p.m. The group assaulted the devotees and ransacked the place. Several devotees including an old lady were beaten with iron rods and wooden clubs. The furniture was extensively damaged. Copies of the Bible were torn up. The injured persons

have been admitted to the Manipal hospital and the government hospital at Ajjarkadu. They include Ramesh Acharya (35) of Kattingeri, Emilia Lobo (80, mother of Roshan), Janardan Acharya (38) of Mattar, Surya (38) a dalit from Ajekar, Shantaram (38) of Mudubelle, Salio Mathias (18) and Prem Mendonca (16). Meanwhile, the Shirva police have arrested 19 of the activists and produced them before the court. They are Ritesh Shetty (22), Vishwanath Acharya (22), Raghavendra Achari (25), Ramesh Shetty (24), Jayaprakash Prabhu (27), Satish (22), Ranjit Kumar Poojary (21), Anil Kumar Poojary (28), Dilip Kumar (21), Suresh Achari (24), Sandip Poojry (22), Suraj Shetty (29), Ananda (22), Umesh Achari (25), Sukesh Poojary (23), Umesh Naik (36), Dayanand Poojary (30), Prakash Kotian (28), and Sadashiva Kulal (28). - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 10th.

The Hindu Mon. 10

Seven injured in attack on prayer hall

Ganesh Prabhu

KATTINGERI (UDUPI DISTRICT): Seven persons were injured when a group of about 25 people, allegedly belonging to the Bajrang Dal, attacked a prayer hall run by Word of Victory Ministries at Kattingeri village, about 12 km from Udupi, late on Friday night.

Of the seven injured, six, including an 80-year-old woman, have been admitted to the District Government Hospital in Udupi. One has been admitted to Kasturba Hospital in Manipal.

Soon after getting information about the attack, which is said to have occurred around 10.30 p.m., the police arrested 19 people. The prayer hall is attached to the house of the pastor, Roshan Lobo. The prayer hall is in an isolated place in the village.

Pratap Reddy, Inspector-General of Police (Western Range), who visited the spot on Saturday, told mediapersons that some persons were participating in a prayer at Mr. Lobo's house around 10.30 p.m. on Friday when the group attacked.

19 arrested

Soon, the police, led by Superintendent of Police M.B. Boralingaiah, arrested 19 of the attackers. A case has been registered, he said.

To a query, he said that according to the complainant, Mr. Lobo, the attackers are members of the Bajrang Dal.

On the motive for the attack, Mr. Reddy said that they might have thought that conversions were taking place. "But we have not got any complaints of conversion. We will investigate the matter," he said.

Attackers get bail

Sources in the Police Department said that all the 19 accused had been released on interim bail.

Mr. Lobo told *The Hindu* that around 10.30 p.m. on Friday, when seven to eight persons were praying in the prayer hall, he heard a big noise. A group of about 20 to 25 people attacked those praying, he said.

"They took the guitar used during the prayer and hit a

person on his head with it. They were carrying iron rods. They beat those offering prayers, including my 80-year-old mother, Emily Lobo, who went to save a person," he said, adding that property was damaged. The attack went on for nearly 45 minutes, he said.

Escapes from rear door

"I escaped from the rear door of the house and went to a nearby house and informed my friends, and they in turn informed the Superintendent of Police. Within 30 minutes, the SP, and other police offi-

cers reached the spot and arrested 19 of the attackers," he said. When the police were approaching the prayer hall, the attackers were abusing their victims and threatening to kill them and burn the prayer hall, Mr. Lobo alleged.

Asked which organisation was behind the act, Mr. Lobo said it was the Bajrang Dal. About 20 days back, a Bajrang Dal unit had started functioning at Mattar village.

The prayer hall had been functioning in the village for 12 years.

"About 10 years back, when the activists of Bajrang Dal

came here, the police came immediately and nothing happened," he recalled.

Joseph Valerian, a relative of Mr. Lobo, whose house is located some distance away from the prayer hall, told *The Hindu* that Mr. Lobo came rushing to his house around 10.45 p.m. and asked for a mobile phone to call the police. "There is no other house close by, so Mr. Lobo had to come here," he said.

They threatened to burn the place down: Page 4



(Top) Pratap Reddy, Inspector-General of Police (Western Range), taking stock of the damage at the prayer hall at Kattingeri village, about 12 km from Udupi, on Saturday, and two of the injured, Emily Lobo and Surya Meru, being treated at the District Government Hospital in Udupi.

- "The Hindu", 10th.

19.08.2013. Honnavar.

Upon receipt of information that some persons were engaged in propagating Christian religion, activists of some local hindutva organizations rushed to the St Thomas School here. There they reportedly found three evangelists Sunil Verghese, Sabu Jurja and Alexander Chacko (from Kerala) imparting religious

teaching to some students. The activists immediately informed the police who rushed to the school and arrested the trio. According to the complaint lodged by the hindutva organizations, the three accused were trying to attract the poorer sections of society towards the Christian religion and all this was being carried out in an aided school in violation of government rules. - *"Karavali Ale", 20th*.

27.09.2013. Mulky.

Some persons complained to the Mulky police that a community prayer was being conducted every Sunday by more than 50 people in a house in Sukhananda Nagar. Since there have been a series of such complaints, the Mulky Inspector called the owner and the complainants to the station for resolving the dispute. The owner claimed that it was just a prayer group and no conversions were taking place. But the complainants vehemently opposed it and argued that they could go to the church for prayers. In the end the owner was made to give an undertaking to the effect that he would not hold any more prayer meetings. - *"Karavali Ale", 28th*.

6.10.2013. Sirsi/Mangalore.

The Hindu Oct. 10

Pastor held on the charge of conversion, released

Earlier, he was targeted allegedly by Hindutva groups

Karnataka Bureau

SIRSI/MANGALORE: A Christian priest was targeted allegedly by Hindutva groups on the charge that he converted a family at Siddapura in Uttara Kannada district on Sunday. Since the incident, the 45-year-old pastor, Anil Kumar D., a resident of Hubli, has suffered a mild heart attack and is in hospital. Talking to *The Hindu* over phone from a private hospital at Sirsi, Mr. Kumar narrated the series of events that led to his subsequent arrest on the suspicion he had made attempts to convert two Scheduled Castes women there.

"The woman's husband died of cancer a few years ago, and when he was in Hubli, I had conducted prayer sessions for his family. Even after his death, the woman and his daughter were in touch with me, and they invited me to their house for prayers," he said.

Mr. Kumar reached the house on Saturday night, and conducted a prayer session on Sunday.

"However, around 11.30 p.m., af-

• When I denied the charge, a police officer hit me, says priest

• We took an undertaking after it was alleged he tried to convert people: police

ter the prayer, a boy, who is their relative, barged in and said some right-wing groups had surrounded the house and that they will not allow me to leave the town," said the pastor.

Though the pastor hid himself, the mob broke the back door of the tiled-roof house, and started to hack away on the asbestos door of the bathroom. "I could hear them tell one another to shoot me. I then came out of the bathroom, and they dragged me out," he said.

Though the Siddapura police arrived by this time, there was little respite for Mr. Kumar.

"They started accusing me of conversion. They took me to the police station, and repeated that I was

trying to convert [people]. When I denied it, a police officer hit me," he alleged.

Eventually, he was booked under Section 109 of the Criminal Procedure Code, which follows "suspicious behaviour".

He was produced before a tahsildhar and released on a surety. However, on Monday morning, the pastor suffered a heart attack, and it was only on Wednesday that he was shifted out of the Intensive Care Unit. No cases were booked against those who barged into the house.

Police denial

A senior police official of Uttara Kannada said that Mr. Kumar was brought in following a complaint by the relatives of the woman. "After being brought to the police station, he was asked for his address and other details. As he failed to give the details, and following allegations from the woman's relatives themselves of conversion, we had to take an undertaking from him," he said. The police also denied the charge that they had assaulted him.

12.10.2013. Mangalore.



- "The Hindu", 18th.

12.11.2013. Mangalore.

The VHP and Bajrang Dal appear to be taking political advantage of the Ayesha incident to demand a police raid on the Muslim religious center at Ponnani in Kerala. Ayesha and her husband Zubair are accused by the Bihar police of being conduits for *hawala* money supplied to the alleged terrorists responsible for the explosions during Modi's Patna rally. Ayesha was a Hindu before she fell in love with Zubair and married him. This seems to be the sole reason behind the two hindutva groups' allegation of 'love jihad'. According to them Hindu girls are trapped by such 'love jihad' and then they undergo religious conversion and are later used for terrorist activities. - "Karavali Ale", 13th.

10.12.2013. Udupi.

Karkala police filed a non-cognizable complaint of religious conversion against two women based on a complaint by some Sangh Parivar activists. The women were brought to the police station by the activists. The women told the police that they were just asking a woman in front of a house permission to get inside the compound and it was that woman who had created all the chaos. The police are investigating. - "Deccan Herald", 12th.

10.12.2013. Udupi.

Bajrang Dal activists had caught hold of some Muslim men and brought them to the police station alleging that they were engaging in religious conversion. As the men are from Surat the Udupi police have asked their Surat counterparts for more information about them. The Udupi police have stated that if they are found guilty action will be taken against them. - *"Deccan Herald", 12th*.

Incidents of cattle vigilantism

19.03.2013. Udupi.

Some persons who happened to see a calf at the residence of B.K.Javed at Bengare in Padutonse, went in a group to the Malpe police station and lodged a complaint. The police immediately went to Javed's place and enquired about the calf. When Javed was unable to provide the purchase details, the police shifted the calf to a pen at Nilavara. But the next morning, i.e. on 20th, activists of the Sangh Parivar started to regroup at the spot. Upon seeing this, members of the minority community too began gathering. It is alleged that the Sangh Parivar activists pelted stones at Muslims houses. As per a complaint lodged by Javed, one of the stones hit his TV trolley and it has been smashed to bits. The police rushed to the spot and dispersed the crowd after a lathi-charge. Heavy police protection has been provided at the spot. According to the Malpe police, no complaint has been lodged till now. - *"Vartha Bharathi", 21st*.

09.05.2013. Mangalore.

Ganesh Vasudev Mallya's wife discovered in the morning that her cow and calf were missing. Later she saw the severed feet of a cow just outside her cowshed. The Mallyas live at Uchila, a suburb of Mangalore, which comes under the jurisdiction of Ullal police station. The police visited the spot and launched an investigation to identify the culprits. - *"Karavali Ale", 10th*.

13.07.2013. Mangalore.

A rumour making the rounds said some members of the saffron brigade were trying to steal cows but the police were trying to help them by not registering an FIR. The police have clarified that Deepak and Supreet, both from Kavoor and on their way back home after work, only tried to separate two bulls that were fighting with each other. Panambur sub-inspector Bharati said "Two autorickshaw drivers who saw this incident complained to the police that the duo was trying to steal cows. We are not ready to register a false case when there are no witnesses." - *"Karavali Ale", 14th*.

03.08.2013. Mangalore.

A pick-up vehicle carrying cattle was waylaid at Bajpe near here reportedly by Bajrang Dal activists. Two persons in the vehicle and the driver managed to escape. The activists are said to have handed over the cattle to the police. It is also reported that Shahul Hamid, an innocent by-stander, was set upon by the activists and mercilessly beaten up. The incident led to a tense situation in the area. Shahul has been admitted to the intensive care unit of a city hospital. According to Shahul he was returning home after purchasing medicines when he was suddenly attacked by the gang for no reason at all. Two policemen who were present at the spot, kept watching the attack and never came to his rescue, he lamented. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 4th.

07.08.2013. Mangalore.

Addressing a press conference in the city, the Karnataka ADGP M.N.Reddy made it clear that when cattle thefts are reported to the police only the latter has the right to take action and it will. He warned that if any other organization tried to take the law into its own hands, action would be taken against it. So far no case of theft from cattle pens by sword-wielding thieves has been reported, he said. - *"Prajavani"*, 8th.

(The ADGP's clarification comes in the wake of an orchestrated misinformation campaign by *'Udayavani'* a vernacular newspaper from Mangalore. The said paper has been carrying exaggerated and unsubstantiated stories of wide-spread cattle thefts in the twin districts. Apparently to create a rift between two communities - Compiler)

6.10.2013. Udupi.

Three persons transporting the cattle they had purchased from Puttanna at Kenji hamlet in Heroor village were lethally attacked by a group of 25-30 persons near Bhimanapare at around 10 p.m. The members of the group, said to be members of a certain organization beat Samiulla (33), Rizwan (25) and Mansoor (20) with wooden clubs. All three have been admitted to a hospital at Kundapur. Three others including Shahil and Junaid managed to escape. Two cars and a motorcycle were badly damaged. The victims have accused the attackers of stealing their ATM cards, ID cards, mobiles and cash worth Rs 90,000. The Baindur police have seized the 5 cattle along with the vehicles and registered cases against Samiullah and five of his associates and also against 16 of the attackers. 8 out of the sixteen arrested have been granted bail. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 8th.

9.10.2013. Mangalore.

Another case of 'cattle vigilantism', three arrested

We were hit despite possessing valid documents: victims

BRUTAL ATTACK

Staff Correspondent

MANGALORE: The city police on Thursday arrested three persons who allegedly attacked five persons transporting cattle on Wednesday, on the outskirts of the city.

Police arrested Santosh (23), Yathish (24) and Bhaskar Poojary (24) of the city and seized two motorcycles.

Haneef (32), a cattle trader from Ujire, who was bringing 20 buffaloes from Ajara in Kolhapur district of Maharashtra in a truck along with four others — Bashir (50), Mohammed (35), Shamir (28) and Abdul Rahman (50) — were targeted near Kudupu temple, on the outskirts of the city, by a group wielding

swords, sticks and rods. All the five have been admitted to a private hospital.

This is the second incident this week in which people transporting cattle were targeted. In the incident reported from Udupi, a group of six persons were attacked at Kenji in Byndoor police limits on Sunday. Eight persons were arrested. Mr. Bashir, who was hit by sticks told *The Hindu* on Thursday from his hospital bed: "They just started beating us. They were not ready to listen to us or see the documents."

Mr. Haneef said the buffaloes were meant for sale to farmers in Kasaragod, Manjeshwar, and other places in Kerala.

"These were purely for use in the fields. We had the permit to transport buffaloes. We also had medical certificate of buffaloes," Mr. Haneef said.

Two motorcycles started following their vehicle two km before Kudupu. Then, a few more joined. A few metres before the Kudupu temple, an autorickshaw was found on the road. While trying to avoid hitting autorickshaw, Mr. Bashir, the driver, lost control over the vehicle and it stopped after falling into a ditch and then they were targeted by the motorcyclists.

Soon, a bigger group assembled. "They dragged us out and started hitting us," Mr. Haneef said.

Deputy Commissioner of Police K.V. Jagadish contended that though they possessed documents for purchase, the lorry did not have the permit to transport the cattle. A case under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act has also been invoked. The police have registered a case against unidentified persons on charges of attempt to murder, rioting and unlawful assembly.

- "The Hindu", 1st.

17.10.2013. Udupi.

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said that the airport would be covered under Namma Metro's Phase 3.

The Hindu Oct. 19

Three 'stealing bull' beaten up by Hindutva activists

Special Correspondent

UDUPI: Activists of the Hindu Jagaran Vedike allegedly attacked three persons suspecting that they were stealing a bull near T.T. Road at Kaipady village on the outskirts of Kundapur town on Thursday evening.

The three persons — Basheer, Batheesh and Mohammed — were injured in the attack and are being treated in a private hospital. They alleged that three policemen who were at the spot did not prevent the attack. The police, however, have denied this.

Six persons arrested in connection with the attack have been released on bail.

According to the injured, a bull owned by Mohammed, a farmer, went missing from Kodi village

on Thursday. After it was sighted at Kaipady village, Mohammed went there, tethered the bull to a pole near the house of Narasimha and returned to his village to make arrangements to bring back the animal in the evening.

When Mohammed and five of his relatives went on a boat to Kaipady in the evening, they saw a group of people at the place where the bull was tethered.

As soon as they reached the spot, the people attacked them. While three of them escaped, the others were thrashed with wooden sticks.

"We tried telling them about the bull being lost. We urged them to come to our village to verify. But they were not in a mood to listen to us... The policemen who were at the spot

kept quiet when we were being attacked," Mohammed said. After some time, the policemen dispersed the crowd and brought the injured to a government hospital in Kundapur.

After getting first aid, they were shifted to a private hospital.

While Basheer is a lorry driver, Batheesh works as a painter and does other odd jobs at Kodi.

While confirming that the attackers belonged to the Hindu Jagaran Vedike, Deputy Superintendent of Police C.B. Patil said efforts were on to arrest eight others involved in the incident. He said the attackers maintained that the injured persons were trying to steal a bull. He refuted the charge that policemen did not prevent the attack.

hin crew arrested in Tuticorin

- "The Hindu", 19th.

27.11.2013. Puttur.

Suresh Kumar Sorake of Sarve Kallamme had donated a pregnant cow to his servant Moosa Kunhi of Pajimannu. In the evening while Moosa and his brother-in-law were taking the cow home they were suddenly accosted by a group that arrived in an autorickshaw and four motorcycles. Members of the group, said to be activists of Bajrang Dal, forced Moosa and his brother-in-law to take the cow back to Sarve Kallamme. Afterwards the activists assaulted both of them. Suresh Kumar learnt of the incident and came to the spot. Upon seeing him the group ran away. Suresh Kumar and Moosa lodged a complaint against autorickshaw driver Padmanabha, Tilakraj, Navin, Jayaprasad, Odiyappa and 15 others. The police arrested Padmanabha and Odiyappa while Tilakraj, Navin and Jayaprasad surrendered to the court. All accused have been granted bail. - "Vartha Bharathi", 29th.

A report appearing in "The Hindu" dated 14.8.2013 gives a factual picture and scotches all wild and inspired rumours - Compiler

OUTCRY OVER CATTLE THEFT IN DAKSHINA KANNADA HITS TRADE

BUSINESS AFFECTED

Mohit M. Rao

MANGALORE: In the frenzy over the alleged increase in "cattle thefts" in Dakshina Kannada district, combined with a plethora of press conferences, vigilante attacks, threats of strikes and raids, it is the legitimate cattle traders – most from minority communities – who are suffering.

More than half of the 28 shops in Mangalore City Corporation buildings and markets have shut down as a result, said Ali Hasan, president, Beef Traders' Association, Mangalore. "The shopkeepers are not threatened, but the cattle transporters are. Because of this, there are no beef supplies now," he said.

The association believes that Hindu right-wing groups have used the issue of "cattle thefts" to harass transporters. "Now every transporter is branded a thief, particularly if he is a

Muslim," he said. One such example is Riyaz (name changed), who comes from a family of cattle traders here. Around 10 days ago, he was picked up by Panambur police – based on "information" received – and was thrashed. Two of his toe nails were removed with cutting pliers, he said. Ultimately, a "suspicious behaviour" case was slapped against him. Even though he possesses a valid licence, he has given up the trade after persistent harassment.

Police crackdown

There is a noticeable spurt in police action against alleged traffickers and illegal slaughterhouses since the first protests. Since Saturday last, 12 people – seven Muslims, four Christians, one Hindu – have been arrested (four Muslims are absconding) in five different raids across the district.

Even with these – cow slaughter cases are booked for illegal traffickers – the statistics do not justify the outrage. The police have booked 12 cases of cattle theft till July-

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end this year, compared to 13 in 2012, and 11 cases in 2011. Whereas, under cow slaughter cases, the tally seems to have reduced to 23 cases this year, down from 63 in 2012, and 70 in 2011.

However, the needle of suspicion is so poised on minority communities that Janata Dal (Secular) Udupi president Gulam Mohammed issued a release on August 5 asking local Khazis to refrain Muslims from eating beef or "supporting cattle thieves".

Politicising the issue

With a series of statements and visits to the "victims" houses, the Bharatiya Janata Party and groups like the Baj-

rang Dal and the Vishwa Hindu Parishad have blamed the government for the increase in thefts. VHP Karnataka president M.B. Puranik said, "There is an atmosphere of fear due to the thefts. Because the Congress government has said they will not implement the anti-cattle slaughter Bill, thieves have been encouraged to carry out brazen attacks."

He dismissed police statistics as "false", blaming them for not "attending" to the complaints given by the organisation. "There have been five thefts in Surathkal itself since June. The statistics don't show that," he claimed.

The VHP has repeatedly attributed the decline in cattle population – by over 1.5 lakh cows in five years in the district – to cow slaughter and thefts. However, officials from the Department of Animal Husbandry said the decline was more due to the larger agrarian crisis, where, rearing cows was becoming economically unviable due to increasing costs of labour, feed and reduced grazing space.

Gymkhana association softens stand on liquor

Other incidents of communalism

2.1.2013. Mangalore.

Two more persons named as accused in the home stay attack case of July 28, 2012 were arrested by police today. One of them is Sharan, the cameraman of *Sahaya* TV and the other is Santhosh Shetty of Shaktinagar. With this the total number of arrested so far goes up to 33 (out of a total of 44). - "Karavali Ale", 3rd.

4.1.2013. Mangalore.

The Committee for Resisting Saffronization of Textbooks submitted a memorandum to the Union HRD minister Dr Pallam Raju urging him to put a stop to the saffronization of education in the state. Sister Sicilia Mendonca, a senior teacher at the Sacred Heart High School, Kulshekar handed over the memorandum to the minister on behalf of the Committee. -*"Vartha Bharathi"*, 5th.

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Sir,
Sub: **Textbooks for the Primary & Secondary Schools in Karnataka**

As you are aware, the NCERT had, under the chairmanship of Prof Yash Pal who is one of the most eminent educationists this country has ever seen, prepared a National Curriculum Framework (NCF 2005) that provided a complete set of broad guidelines for restructuring all the primary and secondary school textbooks in the whole country. The actual task of drawing up textbooks in the various regional languages was left to the individual states. The idea was to have a common education policy that ensured wholesome and quality education for all the children in the country. Some states like Kerala have faithfully carried out this exercise. In fact experts in the field are full of appreciation for the new textbooks that have been introduced in Kerala.

However when we come to the state of Karnataka the story is totally different. A one-man commission appointed by the *Committee for Resisting Saffronization of Education* has found that the new textbooks for the 5th and 8th standards recently released by the Karnataka Textbook Society (under the DSERT) have, for the most part, gone against the spirit of NCF 2005. The concerned authorities have not cared to invite public opinion through the media before releasing these books. Nor have the books been subjected to scrutiny by well-known and independent educationists. A close examination carried out by the commission has revealed the fact that adherence to NCF 2005 is observed in its breach and that the major portions of these textbooks do not come anywhere near it. Though NCF 2005 has recommended that stress should be given to social justice and justice for the downtrodden, these books in fact contain

lessons that will result in the creation of an opposite viewpoint in children. The commission has also noted that these books contain lessons that treat dalits, women, adivasis and minorities as inferior beings whereas NCF 2005 clearly recommends that the curriculum should be culturally neutral. The commission has found extensive distortion of history and observes that it is most frightening. There is hardly any attempt to build a foundation of scientific understanding of history, the commission notes. In fact, history that has been presented in these books is found to be toeing the line of the Sangh Parivar. The commission feels that these textbooks are not only anti-democratic but also go against the very spirit of the Indian Constitution. The following are some of the findings of the commission:

Social Science (5th Standard, Bengaluru Division):-

- The kings of Keladi are shown as promoters of Hindu religion. The battles they fought with the Hindu kings of neighbouring states are missing. Only the wars fought against Muslims and foreign rulers have been described. (pp 5-7)
- History of the Hyderabad-Karnatak region is depicted as a history of Muslim kings persecuting their Hindu subjects. (pp 102-105)
- Some Roman Catholic churches of Bengaluru have been described as built by the British, (page 13)
- It is stated that the roots of Aryan civilization can be found in the Harappan civilization and the Aryan civilization emerged out of the former. (pp 36-46)

Hindi (8th Standard, Bengaluru Division):-

- At the end of a lesson on "Punyakoti" the tiger takes an oath that "Consumption of cow's meat is a bad thought. Henceforth I will not eat cow's meat." Actually in the original Kannada version the ending is entirely different. There the tiger does not take any such oath but actually commits suicide.

These findings are most alarming. The deviations from NCF 2005 are of an extremely serious nature and the consequences can be far-reaching. The *'Committee for Resisting Saffronization of Education'* has no hesitation in declaring that sizable portions of these textbooks have undergone saffronization and it is quite obvious that a lot of deliberate and shrewd thinking has gone into this exercise. One can clearly discern a hidden agenda here to instill and build-up nonsecular values, religious fundamentalism and the idea of a Hindu Nation (*Hindu Rashtra*) in crores of young and impressionable minds. Whereas the other methods for the achievement of the goal of a Hindu Nation are clearly discernible, saffronization is one method that is subtle and insidious and far more dangerous than the others. Its effects are long-term. It would not be an exaggeration at all to say that this is what ultimately led to the 2002 Gujarat massacre. The committee feels that this process must be stopped at the earliest. We most definitely do not want our future generations to become intolerant and fundamentalist.

The committee would like to point out that saffronization is but one aspect of a far more serious problem. Eminent educationists and practicing teachers who have compared the newly introduced textbooks with the NCF 2005 guidelines have observed that these textbooks, besides being saffronised, are academically impoverished. According to them some of the books (e.g., 8th Standard Mathematics and 5th Standard English) are far above the mental capabilities of the learners. Though according to NCF 2005 textbooks must include theory of constructivism, critical pedagogy, auto-learning etc., in the newly introduced textbooks all these concepts are conspicuous by their absence. Neither can one find in them any word about the new concept of evaluation. Hence we demand that

- A.** The present saffronised and poor quality textbooks for the 5th and 8th Standards should be withdrawn and work on the proposed textbooks for the 6th, 7th, 9th and 10th Standards should be suspended.
- B.** The existing textbook committees should be scrapped and they should be reconstituted with such educationists as are committed to NCF 2005.
- C.** Arrangements should be made to prepare and distribute to children all over the state new books strictly as per NCF 2005. Here we would like to make certain suggestions and they are as follows:
1. Since the Kerala textbooks have been hailed by experts as an index to be followed in the preparation of curriculum, the Karnataka Textbook Society should consult its counterpart in Kerala before preparing new textbooks. The committee must also publicise the drafts and invite suggestions and recommendations from the public as well as independent educationists.
 2. All such textbooks shall be compulsorily offered for scrutiny by an NCERT approved committee consisting of independent experts. The entire process of scrutiny shall be transparent.
 3. Any corrections/modifications ordered by this NCERT-approved committee shall be incorporated before the final release of textbooks.

Simultaneously we appeal to the NCERT and the Union Minister for Education to take note of our findings and immediately order a thorough and comprehensive probe into the noncompliance with NCF 2005 by their counterparts in Karnataka which has resulted in academically poor and saffronised textbooks with many a distortion and misrepresentation.

Yours truly,

for '*Committee for Resisting Saffronization of Education*'

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Enclosures:

- (1) Copy of report of the one-man commission
- (2) Copies of the proceedings of various seminars, meetings and press reports

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7.1.2013. Mangalore.

Mohammed Faizal, an under-trial lodged at the local jail for the past eight months, and 59 other prisoners have submitted a memorandum to several high-ranking officials including the Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court and the Mangalore Police Commissioner in which they have complained about the ill-treatment being meted out to them. According to the memorandum, Dayananda, supervisor in the judicial section, is a highly corrupt person. Besides he is an out and out communalist and behaves like an activist of RSS. He takes orders from certain Inspectors and subjects the Muslim prisoners to mental torture. He does not produce them to the court in time. Mohammed and others have appealed for instituting a thorough probe to put an end to the harassment being inflicted by Dayanand. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 8th.

13.1.2013. Sullia.

Unais, a resident of Kallugundi, is a student of the Nehru Memorial College here. While he was going home in his motorbike late Saturday (January 12) night, his bike hit a ladder and it overturned. The ladder was allegedly placed there by hundreds of RSS activists who had gathered on the road to carry out some work in connection with their forthcoming march-past. When Unais fell down, he was attacked with steel rods. Simultaneously they hurled abuses at his religion. Unais was badly injured and he was admitted to the government hospital at Sullia. It is reported that the Sullia police are on the look-out for Dikshit, Vijay and Suresh who allegedly are the attackers. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 14th.

14.1.2013. Mangalore.

P.B.D'Sa had approached the local court four years ago challenging a 'B' report filed by the police in respect of a complaint filed about an article written by S.L.Bhairappa that was published in the daily 'Vijaya Karnataka'. The said article, written in the wake of the 2008 church attacks, had denigrated Christians and Christianity. Unhappy with the inordinate delay, D'sa has now written to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court requesting for a direction to the lower court to expedite the hearing in the case. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 15th.

17.1.2013. Udupi.

Aburazak's sons Shafiq, Shariq and their friend Aatish had had a tiff with some persons from Doddanagudde. At around 8:30 p.m. tonight Ratan, Santhosh Putran, Santhosh, Pravin, Ramesh, Pritam and others threw stones at Aburazak's house. As a result the window panes of the house were damaged. Aburazak's wife Ayesha got injured when a stone hit her. She has been admitted to a private hospital at Udupi. A complaint has been lodged in this connection at the Udupi city police station. - *"Vartha Bharathi", 19th*.

17.1.2013. Mangalore.

Sarfraz Nawaz, residing at 9th block, Katipalla, was unloading wood at the fish oil factory at Mukka. It was around 3 in the afternoon. All of a sudden, Yajnesh, Shrikant and Manoj came inside the mill, asked Sarfraz to stop dealing in wood and beat him with wooden clubs. In his complaint to the Suratkal police, Sarfraz has stated that the trio threatened him to kill him if he continued doing the same business. - *"Vartha Bharathi", 19th*.

18.1.2013. Moodabidri.

Irshad (27) from Biravu in Karinje village runs a fancy items store at Siddakatte. Rinni Crasta (24) resident of Kuriyala in Bantwal was a beautician at Siddakatte. The two were in love with each other for the past 3 years and were thinking of getting married. When Rinni's parents came to know of the affair a year ago, they sent her abroad to live with a relation of theirs. As soon as Rinni came back to India about a month ago the couple decided to get married. When Rinni disappeared her parents lodged a complaint at the Bantwal rural police station. In the complaint they stated that Irshad had stolen some ornaments and threatened to kill Rinni's mother. A group of people found today that she was staying at Irshad's place. They went to the Moodabidri police station. Alleging that Irshad had kidnapped Rinni, they wanted the police to rescue her and take legal action against Irshad. The police brought the couple to the station. But Rinni told the police that she wanted to marry Irshad and live with him. When her parents opposed it the girl was sent to the Prajna Counselling Center. It is learnt that the couple have already applied for registration of marriage at the Moodabidri sub-registrar's office. But since both are adults, objections from parents are not likely to be entertained. Meanwhile the police have found that the complaints registered against Irshad were false. - *"Karavali Ale", 20th*.

Rinni was produced before the JMFC court at Mangalore on 22.1.2013. She declared that she loved Irshad and requested the court to allow her to go with him. Since she was an adult person, the court respected her decision and closed the matter. - *"Karavali Ale", 24th*.

21.1.2013. Uppinangady.

A verbal duel between two groups of students resulted in a tense atmosphere at the Uppinangady First Grade College campus. A few mischievous students smashed some of the window panes. A complaint has been registered to this effect. The origins of the current clash can be traced to the 'Viveka Jagruti' program held on 18.01.2013. On that day students belonging to ABVP had organized a rally through the streets of the town. C.T.Ravi, the state minister for Higher Education and Kalladka Prabhaker Bhat an RSS functionary had participated in the program. However, students of one particular community had not participated in the program. It is said that the latter created a ruckus in the classroom. - *"Karavali Ale", 22nd*.

22.1.2013. Mangalore.

Noor Muhammed (65), victim of a wrongful arrest was released today after timely help from some humane persons. The story of Noor Muhammed in his own words: He hails from Rajapur in Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra. He had come to Mangalore on the 13th for specialised treatment at the Yenepoya Hospital here. Upon arrival at Mangalore he learnt about the *uroos* at the Malik Dinar Dargah at Kasargod. Since he wanted to take part in the *uroos* he postponed his visit to the hospital and decided to spend the night at the Bunder mosque. But some policemen came there and started asking questions. When Noor told them that he was from Maharashtra, they kicked him with boots, took him to the station and locked him up. The next morning he was produced in the court and was remanded to two week's judicial custody. When some persons learnt about this they intervened and managed to get him released. Noor says the police have not returned his two mobile phones, jewelry worth Rs 35,000, a Rado watch and cash worth Rs 6500 which they had taken from him. - *"Vartha Bharathi", 23rd*.

23.1.2013. Kadaba.

On 22.1.2013 a *bhajan* program was on at the Chamundeshwari Bhajana Mandir at Sunkadakatte in Aithoor village. It had started in the morning and lasted till night. Some Muslim youths were putting up banners and buntings in connection with the *Milad* celebrations till 2 a.m. of 23rd. In the morning all were found in a torn condition. It is suspected that the mischief must have been committed after the *bhajan* ended. Muslim youths heard about the damage caused to banners and buntings and began gathering at the spot. This led to a tense situation. The Kadaba police arrived around the same time on receipt of a complaint made by Abdulla, the President of the Juma Masjid. The vice-president and other office-bearers of the Bhajana Mandir admitted that they too shared the responsibility for the misdeed. They requested the Muslim youths not to pursue the matter

but end it in a cordial manner. Pacified by these words the youths put up new buntings. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 24th.

25.1.2013. Puttur.

It is reported that activists of a certain Sangh Parivar outfit have been frequenting the Puttur railway station for the past couple of months. It is said that these activists go around the station, inquire the names of people and then assault them. A few days ago the group had approached a young man standing on the platform. When they learnt that he belonged to another religious community he was beaten up. The young man passed this information on to his friends who came in a group and assaulted one of the activists. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 26th.

28.1.2013. Bantwal.

Family members of late Abdul Hamid had decided to build a *madrassa* cum mosque for the benefit of their children and the people of the neighborhood. The structure was to be built on land belonging to the family. Construction work commenced after obtaining all necessary legal permissions. But suddenly this morning some activists of Sangh Parivar arrived and objected to the construction of a prayer place for Muslims in an area where Hindus were in majority. Later they held a protest meeting at the place. It is learnt that no permission had been obtained from the police for the protest. Meanwhile, the president of the local *panchayat* has issued a statement saying that the *panchayat* had granted permission in accordance with the rights as laid down in the Constitution of India. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 29th.

31.1.2013. Puttur.

Pavan Kumar Golola, a student leader at the government college at Kombettu and Shafil quarreled with each other over some petty issue in the college verandah. Both are said to be studying in the pre-university class. Reportedly both were taken to the police station and were released after an enquiry. The college has been witnessing unending skirmishes between students of different religious communities since the beginning of the last academic year. In several instances the police had registered cases against some of the students. A section of the students feels that some fundamentalist organizations are behind such incidents. They believe that preventing such forces from entering the college premises can put an end to it. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 01.02.2013.

01.02.2013. Mangalore.

A Kannada translation of the Holy Quran compiled by Abdussalam Puttige, editor of Kannada daily *"Vartha Bharathi"* was scheduled for release in the evening in

the presence of Vishveshwara Swamiji of Udupi and Pradeep Kumar Kalkura, president of Kannada Literary Academy. The program was jointly organized by Forum for Humanity and the central committee of Yuvavahini. But in the morning Bajrang Dal activists staged a demonstration in front of Kalkura's house protesting the participation of Hindu religious leaders and others. Ultimately both leaders did not attend the function. Kalkura was reported to be busy with an all-India literary festival (Akhila Bharatha Kannada Sahitya Sammelan) at Uppinangady. The Swamiji sent a written message which was read out to the audience. - *"The Hindu"*, 2nd.

04.02.2013. Mangalore.

The recent suicide of a young drug addict Sneha Upadhya in the early hours of 03.02.2013 has made the city police force sit up and take some action on tackling the local drug mafia. Police from the Suratkal station conducted a raid on the den of Keshava, a person with a criminal background. They found 650 grams of ganja in small packets. But Keshava is absconding. The drugs racket was flourishing mainly around the Govindadas College, NITK and MRPL. Keshava happens to be a member of Hindu Jagran Vedike and is a close confidante of Satyajit Surathkal, the local leader of HJV. Keshava and his gang were involved in every case of communally inspired attempt to murder, assault and intimidation. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 5th.

Satyajit, district convener of the HJV, told presspersons that although the July 28 assault on a boarding home in the city yielded "no drugs" his organization believed that drugs were available in parties such as those where "DJs were present". Mangalore City police commissioner Manish Karbikar dismissed any links between moral policing incidents and drugs, even sardonically saying that "their [moral policing] attacks never seem to unearth drugs". - *"The Hindu"*, 6th.

In what is seen as a retaliatory move, Harish Putran, a staffer at *"Karavali Ale"* was attacked with lethal weapons by a group of HJV activists at 8:20 p.m, on the 6th when he was on his way home from work. A seriously injured Harish was admitted to a private hospital at Suratkal. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 7th.

Out of the two vehicles involved in the attack on Harish Putran and the attempt to disrupt the distribution of the newspaper next day, one was found to belong to Lokesh of Kodikere. The Suratkal police arrested Lokesh on 8th evening and brought him to the station. It is reported that before he could be subjected to questioning, members of a saffron group under the leadership of a disputed person gathered in front of the station and managed to get him released by contacting influential persons. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 10th.

On the 10th evening Puneet, another staffer at *"Karavali Ale"* was set upon by a group of ten men at Kolekadi near Mulky. He was beaten with wooden clubs and had to be admitted to a private hospital at Suratkal. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 11th.

12.02.2013. Bangalore.

During a debate in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly, U.T.Khader, MLA from Mangalore, spoke about the cases registered against students and elderly persons in connection with the communal riots at Ullal in 2007-08. He requested that the government should obtain details of such cases from the Superintendent of Police and give them due consideration. In his reply Suresh Kumar, minister for Law said that it was not possible to take back the cases since these cases are before the courts and investigations have been completed. He said it would be like encouraging the trouble-makers. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 13th.

22.02.2013. Mangalore.

A saffron-coloured platform situated at the Mudipu junction was found painted over with green overnight. The platform had been built by the Bajrang Dal and the VHP around 15 years ago. When the incident came to light on 23 morning hundreds of activists of both organizations gathered at the spot. Timely arrival of a police team led by ACP Jagannath helped defuse the tension. The police promised to arrest the culprits within 24 hours. It may be recalled that four months ago a similar incident had occurred at a place called Hoo Hakuva Kallu. Just four days back an entrance arch put up for a religious function of another community had happened to touch the arch of Kananthoor Temple and this had led to a big row. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 24th.

24.02.2013. Belthangady.

Two youths, believed to be members of a certain organisation, saw Hakim pulling down a *bhagwa dhvaj* (saffron flag) that had been put up close to a shop at Govindor. They informed Hakim's brother and he thrashed Hakim and warned him not to repeat such actions. But Hakim and some of his friends armed with lethal weapons such as clubs, tubelights etc, were spoiling for a fight. When Prashanth, Devappa, Chandrakant and Manoj trespassed into the house of Asma at Odinal in Nyayaatarpu village, broke the lights and furniture and assaulted the inmates, Hakim, Hyder, Javed, Rauf and others assaulted Manoj. Rauf hit Manoj with a stone resulting in serious injuries to the latter. It is alleged that when Manoj's wife Shobha and his mother-in-law Vanaja tried to intervene, they too were beaten up. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 26th

24.02.2013. Mangalore.

Residents of Basavanagar, a colony near Kavoar, have complained to the police that they were being terrorized by the Mahesh gang, a right-wing fringe group, for the past six years. They were speaking during the monthly SC, ST grievance meet held at the Police Commissioner's office today. They said the police had failed to curb Mahesh's activities though many complaints had been filed against him. - *"The Hindu"*, 25th.

01.03.2013. Mangalore.

According to G.C.Hungund, member of the Karnataka State Human Rights Commission who is on an official visit to the city, the Commission has settled 678 out of the 1746 recorded cases of rights violations during the past six years, i.e., from 2007 to February 2013. Mr Hungund has drawn the attention of the Deputy Commissioner and the police officials of Dakshina Kannada district towards certain important cases which the Commission considers as quite grave. These include the church attacks, pub attack case, moral policing, kidnap of Kerala legislator's daughter, arrest of B.V.Seetaram, editor of *Karavali Ale* etc. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 2nd.

19.03.2013. Puttur.

Two student groups clashed with each other over the issue of some Muslim boys berating a Hindu girl. The incident occurred at a private college at Boluvar here. Two days ago some boys had burst crackers inside the class room. The principal had ordered an inquiry. Alleging that a Hindu girl had told lies during the inquiry an enraged group questioned the girl about it. This made the other group angry. A clash ensued. When activists of two organizations heard about it they started gathering near the college and the situation turned slightly tense. Meanwhile the police arrived, dispersed the crowd and brought the situation under control. As the student groups decided to resolve the matter by themselves, the police did not register any case. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 20th.

24.03.2013. Sullia.

A *Hindu Samajotsava* organized by the Sangh Parivar at the *Othe Kola* field of Shri Mahavishnumurthy Temple at Kallugundi, saw many speakers talking about the threat posed by fundamentalist forces to the Hindu religion. The convention was preceded by a procession from Cooly Shed. Here's a sample of the various speeches:

Jagadish Karanth, state convener of HJV: "Because Hindutva is the life of India, fundamentalists have planned a conspiracy to destroy the Hindu religion. But we are ready to pay any price to thwart it..... In India Hindus are turning into a

minority community. The minority communities are becoming the majority. Political parties posing as secularists are supporting this".

Rajashekaranda Swami of Vajradehi Math: "We already have untouchability, casteism and *love jihad*. But the latest addition to the list is *land jihad*. There is a conspiracy to buy land belonging to Hindus at high prices and the government is a mute witness to all this.....We have got to chase the repressors away. We must look for those who will look after the welfare of the Hindu community". - "*Vartha Bharathi*", 25th.

Acting on a complaint lodged by Mohammed Ufaiz of Dandakaje (in Sampaje) the Sullia police have registered a case against Jagadish Karanth, Dr Leeladhar D.V., Subrahmanya Upadhyaya, Balachandra Kalgi and K.P.Jagdish for having made communally provocative speeches. - "*Karavali Ale*", 29th.

28.03.2013. Bengaluru.

Six students of the Al Ameen College and one student of the Government Science College were denied permission to appear for the NCC 'C' certificate examination held on 23 & 24 February 2013. The Supervisor in charge of the examinations had told them that sporting a beard was not permitted and they would be allowed to appear only if they shaved off their beards. The affected students had approached the Karnataka High Court. The court has now passed an interim order asking the authorities to allow the students to appear for the examinations. - "*Vartha Bharathi*", 29th.

01.04.2013. Gangolli.

The governing board of the Misbahul Uloom, a local madrassa which has been functioning for the past 20 years, wanted to build a mosque for the convenience of its 150-odd students and the residents of 120 houses located nearby. Accordingly an application was submitted to the Gangolli gram panchayat in December 2010 (6th). But in view of objections by members of the Hindu Jagran Vedike raised during the general body meeting of the panchayat, the governing board approached the Deputy Commissioner of Udupi district. The latter conducted a spot visit and directed the panchayat development officer to accord permission for the mosque. The Kundapur taluk panchayat Executive Officer too directed the gram panchayat to give necessary permission as per the rules. But despite all this, the gram panchayat continued with its refusal. Hence the governing board of the Misbahul Uloom has decided to approach the High Court for justice. - "*Vartha Bharathi*", 2nd.

03.04.2013. Udupi.

Muslim youth thrashed, stones thrown at mosque

Police arrest three including gram panchayat president

Ganesh Prabhu

NEJAR (UDUPI DISTRICT): Tension prevailed here after stones were thrown at the Jumma Masjid in the early hours of Wednesday.

Hours before this incident, around 10.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Mohammed Iqbal (31), who was returning after attending his friend Rohit's 'mehendi' function at Kelanjar, was attacked by 20 youths allegedly belonging to one Sangh Parivar organisation. They came on motorcycles and assaulted him with rods and a sickle.

A severely injured Mr. Iqbal was rushed to the district government hospital here, where he is undergoing treatment. A broker dealing with second hand vehicles and real estate, he is a Congress activist also.

It is not clear if both the incidents are related, but some suspect that they are.

The police have arrested three persons in connection with the assault.

Nejar village comes under the Kallianpur Gram Panchayat and is about 8 km from Udupi, en route to Padutonse Bengre village (about 18 km from Udupi), where there was tension after activists of Hindutva organisations objected to a Muslim family possessing a three-year-old bull on March 19.

Mr. Iqbal told *The Hindu* that it was the activists of the Sangh Parivar, including the president of the Kallianpur Gram Panchayat, Satish Naik, who assaulted him.

He said the group was present at the 'mehendi' function and his affiliation to the Congress was the reason behind the attack.

After the church attack incident at Padutonse Bengre, a policeman was put on duty at the mosque as well. However, after the assault on Mr. Iqbal, he went to the district gov-



Stones were pelted at the Jumma Masjid at Nejar village in Udupi district on Wednesday. Iqbal (inset) was attacked by a group of people.

'We have been living in harmony for years'

Staff Correspondent

NEJAR (UDUPI DISTRICT):

Residents of this village, about 8 km from Udupi, vouch for harmony among people of all communities.

They view Wednesday's incident of stone pelting at the Jumma Masjid as a deliberate attempt to disturb peace. A retired teacher, who did not want to be named, said the people in the village had been living harmoniously for decades. "When I suffered a heart attack nearly 30 years ago, it was my Muslim neighbour who

rushed me to a private hospital in Udupi. I have lived here for over seven decades," he said.

Assembly polls

An elderly woman in the village said: "All these things are happening just because of the Assembly elections. These are acts of a few misguided youth."

"Only a few activists of the Sangh Parivar want to create a problem between Hindus and Muslims. They are a very tiny minority. Our relations with communities have been very good," said a youth.

ernment hospital. There was no one on guard when stones were pelted at the mosque.

This is not the first time that stones have been pelted at the mosque.

A similar incident was reported after the terrorist attack on Mumbai on November 26, 2008. Members of the Muslim community said that though a police

complaint was lodged, no one was arrested.

M.B. Boralingaiah, Superintendent of Police, said that past enmity appeared to be the reason behind the attack on Mr. Iqbal. Three persons, including Mr. Naik, Praveen and Prashanth, have been arrested in connection with the incident.

"We are not sure the three are activists of the Sangh Parivar. Some persons who attended the 'mehendi' function were apparently drunk and might have pelted stones at the mosque. It cannot be said with certainty that the group which assaulted the youth also threw stones at the mosque," he said.

Security

A platoon of District Armed Reserve Force had been pressed into service outside the mosque. M. Jayanth, sub-inspector attached to Malpe police station, said the three accused were produced in a court in Udupi and had been remanded in judicial custody till April 17.

KID loaders, poll panel

Book festival begins

21.04.2013. Mangalore.

Ganesh from Mastikatte is the owner of an Indica car and someone had rented his car to go to Ullal beach. While returning the car is said to have dashed against Khatijamma (48) from Madani Nagar. It is alleged that some persons assaulted Ganesh. The latter is said to have called his friends over to the spot and asked them to attack Habib (27) of Mukkacheri. Habib has suffered injuries and has been admitted to a private hospital at Thokkottu. Meanwhile two groups gathered in front of the police station and started fighting with each other. The police did a mild lathi-charge and managed to disperse the crowd. It is reported that on the way back they threw stones and caused damage to two buses at Mukkacheri. In view of the tense situation prevailing in the area, additional policemen have been deployed. Two men, Mustafa and Hanif, have been arrested by the police on the charge of obstructing the police videographers. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 22nd.

23.04.2013. Sullia.

Purushottam and his wife Hemavati live at Kayartodi. Suresh and his wife Shobha are their neighbours. Suresh came to Purushottam's house and questioned Hemavati about her speaking to Bashir, a Muslim. Hemavati replied that he had come to ask for the repayment of the loan she had taken from him. At this Suresh turned wild and took her to task for taking a loan from Bashir. He then banged her head against the wall. When Purushottam learnt of the incident he went to Suresh's house, berated the couple and assaulted Shobha. The Sullia police have registered cases against Purushottam and Suresh. Both the men have been remanded to judicial custody. - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 24th.

05.05.2013. Padubidri.

Miscreants threw a beer bottle at around 8:45 p.m. into the compound of a *madrassa* situated inside the premises of Bangal Masjid at Bhasker Nagar in Uchila. The students of the *madrassa* had just finished their studies and were offering prayers. The beer bottle fell a little distance away from the children and broke into pieces but no one was injured. As the news spread Muslims started gathering at the place but timely intervention by inspector Shivanand Valeker of the Kaup police station prevented the situation from turning ugly. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 6th.

09.05.2013. Kaup.

Miscreants threw stones and broke the front glass of the Polipu Juma Masjid situated close to the national highway at around 1:30 a.m. The incident came to light in the morning. The deputy superintendent of police, Devaraju visited the spot and assured that a thorough investigation would be conducted. It may be

recalled that the same mosque was subjected to stone-throwing by hindutva crowds returning after attending a *Hindu Samajotsava* held at Mangalore five years ago. - *"Vartha Bharathi", 10th*.

10.05.2013. Mangalore.

Sometime this morning the severed foot of a cow was found lying near the deities worship center belonging to the Kunder family of Uchila. The Kunder house is located close to the Uchila bridge. The police have registered a case and are investigating. This is the second such incident within a space of two days and it has the local residents deeply worried. - *"Vartha Bharathi", 11th*.

17.05.2013. Kundapur.

Thoufiq and Tabassunna had got married about 8 days back and they along with a couple of relatives had gone to Jog Falls in a new 'Swift' car. On their way back, the occupants of the car had a tiff with the riders of a motorcycle after the two vehicles raced each other for a while. Finally both stopped their vehicles in front of the Shirur nursery on NH 66 at around 9:30 p.m., and started abusing one another and fighting. The occupants of the car were Muslims and the bike riders Hindu. A communal angle was sought to be given to the issue and both sides tried to call in people of their respective communities. But by that time all of them were so badly injured that they had to be hospitalized. Arrival of police from Kundapur station prevented the situation from taking a communal turn. - *"Karavali Ale", 18th*.

13.06.2013. Bengaluru.

The state cabinet, in a meeting held here, has approved the withdrawal of the cases against journalist Navin Soorinje. An employee of Kasturi TV, Soorinje had false cases slapped on him for giving wide coverage to the notorious 'Morning Mist' **homestay attack** that took place on July 28, 2012 at Mangalore. He had been in custody ever since and had managed to obtain bail just a few days back. - *"Vartha Bharathi", 14th*.

13.06.2013. Bengaluru.

Addressing a meeting of senior police officers here, chief minister Siddaramiah has observed that incidents of moral policing are on the rise at several places including the coastal regions and asked the police to take stringent action against those who take the law into their own hands. - *"Vartha Bharathi", 14th*.

19.06.2013. Ujire.

A new Aadhar registration center that started functioning from July 16 at the Sharada Mantap at Ujire under the auspices of the Shivalli Brahmins Association of Belthangady Taluk in collaboration with the All India Brahmins Association of Belthangady Taluk has got itself mired in a deep controversy. It is alleged that when some local non-brahmins approached the center for registration they were bluntly told to go elsewhere since it was meant exclusively for the Brahmin community. It is being pointed out that such registration centers at other places are located at the respective *Gram Panchayat* office. The Revenue officials say they are unaware of the existence of such a center at Ujire. Hence the question being asked now is: how could the organizers set-up such a private facility without informing and obtaining sanction from respective authorities. - *"Karavali Ale", 20th.*

23.06.2013. Mangalore.

Mohammed Ansar (of Jaradabettu, Modushedde) a petty contractor in the building construction industry, was returning home in his car at around 11 p.m., after watching a cricket telecast on his friend's TV. At Shivanagar (in Moodushedde), a group of three youth armed with swords stopped his car and attacked him. Meanwhile his anxious wife called him. Ansar told her that he was at Shivanagar and his life was in danger. Ansar's father rushed to the spot and found him lying in a pool of blood. Ansar was taken to a private hospital in the city and admitted to the intensive care unit. The Kavour police have registered a case against the three miscreants Charan, Vijit and Gunda. - *"Vartha Bharathi", 26th.*

01.07.2013. Vittal.

When writings such as "Jai Sri Ram" and "Om" were found on the walls of second-year degree classroom of a college here, students of a particular religious community objected to it and erased the writings. When the first group came to know about it its members started a verbal duel that soon culminated in a fight. Meanwhile upon seeing the situation taking an ugly turn the principal had called for police assistance. The police arrived and dispersed the students. Later they arranged for a dialogue between the representatives of the warring groups inside the principal's chamber. The defaced walls were whitewashed. The police left after warning the students against repetition of such incidents. - *"Karavali Ale", 2nd.*

03.07.2013. Mulky.

Two groups of students of Vijaya College, divided on the basis of religion, fought with each other over some frivolous issue. It is said that the mirror on Abdul Rajik's motor cycle had hit some boys. When Abdul's classmates Shivu, Suraj,

Sharat, Rakshit, Sachin went to the classroom and asked Abdul to come out he refused. But as soon as the classes got over Abdul, Rifan, Safan were taken to the courtyard at the back and badly assaulted, alleges Abdul. Boys of both groups have got themselves admitted to hospital. Both groups have registered complaints at the police station. Police are now maintaining a strict vigil inside the college premises. - *"Karavali Ale", 4th*.

11.07.2013. Bantwal.

First year B.Com students of Vittal Government College had written to the principal pointing out the proportionally higher number of students of a particular religion in the B division and requesting him for an equitable distribution between the A and B divisions. This had resulted in a verbal duel between the students and the principal. The latter called the police. The police arrived and they have asked that the dispute be resolved before the 12th failing which all the 20 students who have signed the memorandum must report to the station. - *"Vartha Bharathi", 12th*.

13.07.2013. Mangalore.

Around 8 youths (engaged in rearing of doves) thrashed Nasir (25) and Ashfaq (22) (both residents of Kotepura) at the Ullal beach alleging that the duo made fun of them while they were swimming. They left soon afterwards. As the news of the incident spread a number of Kotepura residents turned up at the beach. When the situation turned tense police arrived and brought the situation under control. The police also made tight security arrangements. But despite this Shahan and Latesh were assaulted with wooden clubs and soda water bottles at night. They were admitted to a hospital and both of them have lodged separate complaints. When a large crowd began to gather outside the hospital the police resorted to lathi-charge and dispersed them. - *"Karavali Ale", 14th*.

22.07.2013. Mangalore.

Two Muslim youths, Ramshid (19) and M.Mirza (16), both residents of Hosanagara were assaulted with sticks and rods by a 10-member group allegedly belonging to a right-wing organization. The two youths were just alighting from a bus at Jeppinamogaru. It is alleged that their participation in a protest at Kasaragod against a Facebook post could be the reason for the attack. - *"The Hindu", 23rd*.

22.07.2013. New Delhi.

The Supreme Court has upheld the judgment of the Karnataka High Court and dismissed the petition filed by the BJP government challenging the High Court order in a case relating to reporting of the 2008 church attacks. Earlier *Karavali*

Ale, a local vernacular newspaper had written that the ruling BJP government was responsible for the 2008 church attacks. In response the government had ordered the arrest of Mr BV Seetaram, the manager of *Karavali Ale*. Responding to Seetaram's habeas corpus petition, the High Court had ordered his release and imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 each on the chief secretary, IGP (Western Range) and three other IPS grade officers for wrongful arrest and confinement of Mr Seetaram for a period of nearly one month. - "*Karavali Ale*", 23rd.

23.07.2013. Bantwal.

A big fight took place inside the campus of Vittal I Grade Government College today. The ostensible reason for the clash between two inter-religious student groups was harassment of two girls by some boys as alleged in the girls' complaint to the principal. Four students Kiran, Harihar, Deepak, Siddiq were injured and were admitted to hospital. Later hundreds of students took out a procession up to the bus terminus. They were shouting slogans against the principal. Both sides have now lodged complaints against one another at the local police station. - "*Vartha Bharathi*", 24th.

25.07.2013. Uppinangady.

A male student of the local I Grade Government College reportedly tugging at the plaits of a female student belonging to a different religion immediately led to a group clash. During the ensuing free-for-all some window panes of the college suffered damage. The fight reportedly took place in police presence and the entire incident has been videographed. When ABVP cadres heard that three of their members have been arrested they became upset. A large number of ABVP cadres gathered outside the police station. Meanwhile the opposite group also reached the spot. When stone-throwing started the police resorted to lathi-charge and dispersed the groups. The girl has lodged a complaint of harassment. Similarly both groups have lodged complaints against each other. The principal has complained about the damages caused to the college property. The district SP visited the spot in order to assess the situation. - "*Karavali Ale*", 26th.

The police have registered cases against a total of 28 students in connection with this incident. - "*Vartha Bharathi*", 27th.

Uppinangadi college declares holiday, reserve police called in

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Staff correspondent

MANGALORE: A day after students from two communities clashed at a college, Uppinangadi Government First Grade College declared a holiday on Friday and Saturday to prevent the recurrence of communal violence. The reserve police were on stand by.

Clashes broke out Thursday morning when Ranjith, a Commerce student, allegedly harassed a Muslim girl by tugging at her ponytail. This led to a scuffle between Hindu students and Muslim students, who rallied behind the girl, resulting in a few suffering minor injuries and breaking of a number of window panes in the college.

Uppinangadi police said a total of four cases had been filed - one by the girl who had been allegedly harassed; one by the Principal of the college, Subrahmanya K., regarding

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damage of property; and one each by the groups involved in the clashes. Nine students had been arrested, and all have been released on bail.

A trend of violence

The violence in the college closely follows a similar incident at Vittal Government First Grade College on Tuesday, when students brawled after a Muslim boy spotted a Hindu student allegedly taking pictures of girls in the college.

Advice to college

Superintendent of Police Abhishek Goyal said the college administration had been

advised to conduct a meeting between students, parents and faculty members to ensure resolution of the issue without violence.

The Department of Collegiate Education has identified seven colleges in Puttur, Bantwal, Sullia, Uppinangadi, Bellare, Vittal and Belthangady as being "sensitive, with a record of communal violence".

Devanand Gaonkar, Joint Director the Department said his report will emphasise on the use of technology to bring order in the colleges. His suggestions include the use of CCTV cameras - which he said will be installed soon in

the colleges, conducting regular legal awareness programmes for the students and the formation of a coordination committee for speedy resolution of disputes.

"Students and teachers will be told to send messages to the Principal if an issue arises. This is to curb the situation in the bud," he said.

Placed on leave

Meanwhile, after a week of tension in the Vittal college - following fights between students over, first elections and then an incident of moral policing - Mr. Gaonkar said the Principal has been placed on one-week compulsory leave citing his "lack of control", "weak governance" and for "illegally having conducted secret ballot elections in the college". Xavier D'Souza, a professor at the college, was appointed as the acting principal.

Amid rains city nays

Childline steps

- "The Hindu", 27th.

25.07.2013. Mangalore.

Ashraf and Prasad both from Mudipu near here were Facebook acquaintances. A few days back Ashraf reportedly had posted certain derogatory comments on the Hindu religion. Prasad countered by publishing derogatory remarks in his FB site. This resulted in Ashraf and his friends assaulting Prasad near his work place. On getting a tip-off the police from the Konaje station arrived and took Ashraf into custody. Soon around 300 supporters of Ashraf gathered in front of the station and demanded that action be taken against the person responsible for maligning their religion. Later some shops in the area downed the shutters and observed a bundh. Two sets of complaints have been registered and investigations are on. - "Karavali Ale", 26th.

03.08.2013. Mangalore.

Unidentified miscreants threw stones and beer bottles at a window of the Badriya mosque at Thokoor (close to SEZ Colony) near here. It was around 1 a.m. and by the time some people came out the miscreants had escaped in a light red Santro car. A case has been registered by the Panambur police as per the complaint lodged by B.S.Hussain, president of the managing committee of the mosque. It may be mentioned here that the previous evening VHP had held a protest meet at nearby Suratkal. Reportedly M.B.Puranik, one of their leaders, had, during the course of his speech, warned about recurrence of communal clashes. - *"Vartha Bharathi", 4th*.

13.08.2013. Mangalore.

Two persons, Nasir and Ashfaq were assaulted by members of a certain organization at the Ullal beach. Around the same time Shahan and Latish who were walking by the side of the road at Bastipadpu in Ullal town were attacked with soda bottles and wooden reapers. Soon a large number of people gathered at the spot. Meanwhile a police team arrived and made a mild lathi-charge to disperse the restless crowd. All four boys have been admitted to a private hospital. The police are investigating the incident. - *"Vartha Bharathi", 14th*.

15.08.2013. Mangalore.

Miscreants threw stones and damaged a door and window glasses of a Salafi mosque at Konaje on the outskirts of the city. The incident occurred at around 00:30 hrs. Neighbours heard the noise and they informed the mosque's administrative council. The Konaje police have registered a case. It may be recalled that a similar incident had taken place on 11 February. It is suspected that an internal rivalry between the Sunni and Salafi factions could be behind the stone throwing incident. However a connection with the recent Ullal incident cannot be ruled out. The Ullal incident that took place a couple of days back (on the 13th) was said to be a group clash between two different communities. - *"Karavali Ale", 16th*.

27.08.2013. Bantwal.

The local government college is again in the news for the wrong reasons. A quarrel broke out between two groups of students over the issue of Kiran and his friends preventing Siddiq and his friend from entering the college premises in a motorcycle. During the skirmish that took place just outside the college gates, soda bottles and wooden clubs were freely used. As soon as the police from the Vittal station arrived the students ran helter-skelter. But the Vittal police have taken *suo motu* cognizance of the disturbance and registered complaints against some 50 students. It may be recalled that during a previous

skirmish in the same college, cases were registered against 40 students (See: **23.07.2013. Bantwal.**). - *"Vartha Bharathi"*, 28th.

28.08.2013. Puttur.

Local Congressmen under the leadership of Shivappa and others had organized a *mosaru kudike (dahi handi)* program today in connection with the Krishna *Janmashtami* day at Kannapadi in Nidpalli village. The printed invitation card read 'entrance for Hindus only'. When the local Muslims saw this they questioned the Congress leaders. It is reported that even though they were told to ignore the invitation and attend the function, they were not allowed to enter the venue. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 29th.

30.08.2013. Bantwal.

A student of the local government college, who was a witness to an earlier incident of group clash, was waylaid by a group of persons today while he was proceeding to the college. It is reported that after assaulting, the group threatened to kill him. Meanwhile it is learnt that a compromise has been arrived at in the previous case wherein an FIR had been prepared against 50 students for their involvement in the August 27th clash. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 31st.

11.09.2013. Vittal.

Hanuman is the owner of Mahalaxmi cloth store located in the Empire building at Vittal. He has employed five girls as sales assistants. One of them is from Kepu Village and she is said to have joined around three months ago. On 11th evening the girl's father came to the store accompanied by nine youth. He accused Hanuman of having made advances to his daughter and started assaulting him. Hanuman's explanations and even the girl's pleading that he hadn't even touched her fell on deaf ears. The group is reported to have continued the assault, damaged a computer, looted a mobile, a necklace and cash worth Rs 80,000 and made good their escape before the police arrived. Hanuman has been hospitalized. He has lodged a complaint with the police. The latter are investigating the matter. - *"Karavali Ale"*, 12th.

15.09.2013. Mangalore.

Addressing a press conference in Mangalore, Pranavananda Swami, state executive president of All India Hindu Mahasabha, said the Hindu religion is under attack and it is because Hindu young men are not fighting for the nation and religion. He announced that in the coming days the Mahasabha will be organizing a *Khadga Diksha* to the youth for protecting the nation, the cows and women. Through this *Khadga Diksha* the Mahasabha will infuse courage into the youth for street struggles, he said. According to him, members of many

organizations have shown interest for the *Khadga Diksha*. AIHM state president Shravan Kumar Raiker, area secretary Lohit and DK district president Rajesh Poojary were also present during the press conference. - *"Vartha Bharathi", 16th*.

15.09.2013. Mangalore.

A group of 30-40 persons barged into the 'Anil Bar' at Neermarga at around 8 p.m. and picked up a quarrel with Kishor, Jivan and others. A huge fight broke out in which the bar as well as a motorbike and a neighbouring shop suffered extensive damage. Reportedly stones were thrown at a nearby prayer center too. Five persons including Kishor, Jivan and Dhananjay sustained injuries and have been admitted to the Wenlock hospital. The police have tightened security around the place. It is learnt that on an earlier occasion Rehmatulla had assaulted Navin Shetty and a case had been registered against him at the rural police station. During the recent Ganesha festival Rehmatulla had allegedly objected to some persons wearing T-shirts with Modi's picture. They too had lodged a complaint with the police. Kishor, Jivan and others had assisted the police in taking Rehmatulla into custody. It is said that Rehmatulla's supporters carried out the attack on 'Anil Bar' for avenging the arrest of Rehmatulla. - *"Karavali Ale", 16th*.

25.09.2013. Moodabidre.

A minor dispute between two persons here almost turned into a communal clash. When Shanti Prasad Hegde, a lawyer, suddenly reversed his Innova car, Tanvir Ahmed, a student of Western Institute of Technology, who happened to be behind the car was hit. Due to the impact Tanvir fell down. He got up after a while and shouted at Hegde "Are you blind"? Allegedly he tried to assault Hegde. The latter took out his revolver, hit Tanvir on the head and fired in the air. The bullet shattered the window glass of a nearby building. People started gathering and when some of them began assaulting Tanvir he ran and took shelter inside a mosque. By this time two groups had formed and situation was threatening to take an ugly turn. The Muslim leaders in the mosque tried to cool down the tempers. They said they would call for the police and ask them to handle the case. Shortly the police arrived and took Tanvir into custody. Tanvir with head injuries has been admitted to a hospital. Meanwhile Hegde too got himself admitted to another hospital. Both Tanvir and Hegde have lodged separate complaints. Police are investigating. - *"Karavali Ale", 26th*.

29.09.2013. Mangalore.

Abhishek was assaulted by Sharuk and his friends near the Pilikula Golf Club. An old feud is said to be the reason for the attack. A big fight broke out between some 200 members of Abhishek's saffron outfit and Sharuk's group. The Kavoor

police arrived at the scene, stopped the fight and obtained an undertaking from both groups. - *"Karavali Ale", 30th*.

2.10.2013. Manipal.

Students of Manipal and the Kasturba Medical College had, under the sponsorship of their group 'Dramanon', arranged for a performance of Agatha Christie's play 'The Mousetrap'. In that connection they had put up hundreds of posters at various places. The posters had a picture of the Last Supper with the faces replaced by those of mice. When some Christians saw it they felt offended and informed the local church. The church priest called up the contact numbers given in the poster and demanded an explanation from the students. The students realized their fault and apologized to the priest for their ignorance. Later the students themselves removed the objectionable posters numbering around 400 and handed them over to the church. Hence the issue did not take a serious turn. - *"Vartha Bharathi", 3rd*.

11.10.2013. Mangalore.

The RSS had organised a six-day training camp for its members at Sunkadakatte near Bajpe from 6th October 2013. At 5 p.m. on the concluding day today all the 250 participants dressed in full RSS uniform took part in a march past from Vijaya Vittal Bhajana Mandir upto Sunkadakatte. During the march past two members were seen carrying swords in their hands. Police were present during the entire event. A complaint against brandishing of lethal weapons in public was lodged at the Bajpe police station on the 12th. The police initially claimed it was a routine practice of RSS but later said they would investigate. Finally an FIR was registered on the 14th. - *"Vartha Bharathi", 13th & 15th*.

16.10.2013. Udupi.

Special Correspondent

NEJAR (UDUPI DISTRICT): Tension prevailed in Nejar village, around 8 km from Udupi, when about 100 members of the district units of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), Bajrang Dal, and Hindu Jagran Vedike staged a rasta roko for some time at the Kallianpur-Kemmannu Junction objecting to prayers being offered at a mosque.

While activists of the Hindutva organisations charged that there was no permission for construction and running the mosque, the mosque authorities refuted it. Meanwhile, prayers were offered at the mosque, work on which building is yet to be completed.

A platoon of the Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) and a unit of the District Armed Reserve (DAR) police have been deployed in and around Nejar. The police force was also deployed at Kallianpur-Kemmannu Junction and near the mosque.

Baikady Suprasad Shetty, president of the district unit of VHP, said that the Kallianpur Gram Panchayat or the Town Planning Authority had not issued permission for the construction of the mosque.

"Let the mosque authorities take proper permission for it. We have asked the district authorities to solve the problem, failing which we will launch an agitation," he said.

The gram panchayat was controlled by Congress sup-

porters till 2010, and thereafter it came under the control of the BJP. Gram panchayat elections are not fought under the banner of political parties or under party symbols.

GP chief's view

Satish Naik, president of Kallianpur Gram Panchayat, said that the panchayat had given permission for construction of the mosque in 2004. But following objections from some Hindutva organisations, it was withdrawn a few months later. The matter then went to the lower courts and finally to the High Court of Karnataka.

The High Court had, about two or three years ago, directed the gram panchayat to allow construction of the mosque subject to certain conditions which included permission from the Town Planning Authority, conversion of land for non-residential purpose, registration in the name of a trust and no-objection certificate (NoC) from people in a 100-metre radius. "If these conditions are fulfilled, we have to give permission as per court orders," he said.

Trust's stand

However, Zafarulla, treasurer of Al-Ameen Trust, said that there were eight to 10 Muslim houses in Nejar in 2004. A landlord donated 10 cents of land for the construction of the mosque to the trust so that the Muslims could pray there. The gram panchayat gave permission for the mosque and

work went on for about nine months.

"But owing to change of government or other reasons, the gram panchayat secretary came and put up a notice at the site that construction should be stopped. They did not give any notice to the trust. We twice approached the High Court on this issue and the orders came in our favour. But the gram panchayat came up with new objections over some documents. We have submitted all the documents to the panchayat, which is simply harassing us," he alleged.

As there were more Muslim houses now, there was no space to offer prayers. Hence, a mosque was needed, Mr. Zafarulla said.

"We approached district in-charge Minister Vinay Kumar Sorake, Deputy Commissioner M.T. Reju, and Superintendent of Police M.B. Boralingaiah some days ago. All of them said that we could offer prayers. But Mr. Sorake pointed out that no repair or construction should be taken up as there was a dispute. We agreed to it. So, we have been offering prayers in this mosque for the last 15 days," he said.

The gram panchayat president and Panchayat Development Officer inspected the spot on October 15, Mr. Zafarulla added.

'Situation peaceful'

Superintendent of Police M.B. Boralingaiah said that the situation was peaceful at Nejar and Kallianpur.

- "The Hindu", 17th.

20.10.2013. Uppinanagady.

A salon belonging to Ramesh, a prominent member of the Uppinangady unit of Bajrang Dal, was partially gutted resulting in a loss of about Rs 2 lakhs. The shop is located at Periadka. The incident which happened during the night after Ramesh had locked the shop and gone home was discovered the next morning. Jagdish Shetty, president of the Uppinangady unit of VHP, has in a statement said that there have been several such attempts in recent times to disturb peace and harmony. He has warned the police that if they fail to arrest the culprits within 3 days a huge protest would be held at Periadka on 25th. - "Vartha Bharathi", 22nd.

20.10.2013. Bhatkal.

Miscreants placed pieces of beef in a holy place at Rajangana Nagabana resulting in a tense situation in the city. Hundreds of people gathered and

started protesting. The police rushed to the spot, removed the pieces of meat and prevented any untoward incident from taking place. It may be recalled that two days ago a petty quarrel among children playing on mobiles had threatened to turn into a communal clash and the police had to resort to a mild lathi charge to disperse the mob. - "Karavali Ale", 21st.

21.10.2013. Mangalore.

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test against the merger move.

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Communal clash: police questioning five people

Staff Correspondent

MANGALORE: The police are on the lookout for those involved in the communal clash that erupted in Mallur near Neermarga on Monday night resulting in tension and injuries to nine persons. The police are questioning five persons and have launched a search for more suspects from the two communities.

Trouble started when a motorcycle belonging to Praveen, an autorickshaw driver, who had come to visit a house in Mallur where a death of an elderly relative had taken place, was damaged by some children. Angered by this, a group allegedly targeted a few children and their relatives in the vicinity resulting in some persons getting injured. In retaliation, a group subsequently targeted Praveen and others. The group then started throwing stones at Praveen's house.

"Around 20 members hit me and my brother Khoja, even as we were

trying to explain that we were not involved in the incident," said 15-year-old Batish, who is admitted in a private hospital in Falnir. He was referring to the group supporting Praveen.

The group chased the two who tried to take shelter in their grandmother B. Fathima's house around 6 p.m. The group allegedly hit Fathima and her neighbour Avoom who tried to save the two. All the four are in a private hospital now.

The group supporting Praveen also alleged that they were brutally attacked. Kunjappa, Umavati and Lata, who were injured in the stone-throwing incident, are being treated at the Government Wenlock Hospital.

Another autorickshaw driver of Abettu, Sanket Shetty, has filed a complaint against 20 persons. Batish's relatives have also lodged a complaint against those who assaulted him and his family members. The Mangalore Rural Police are investigating.

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- "The Hindu", 23rd.

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The RSS conducted a march past within the city this time from Navabharat Circle to the Nehru Maidan. During the procession photographs of several RSS leaders were displayed in two vehicles surrounded by eight sword-wielding *svayamsevaks*. But the police failed to initiate any action against such open display of lethal weapons. A complaint by a private citizen has been registered at the Pandeshwar police station. When contacted, the ACP (Panambur) has stated that the police is investigating as to whether carrying of swords is a tradition in RSS. He also gave the information that a similar practice had been followed during the procession held at Hubli about a week ago. - "*Vartha Bharathi*", 28th.

28.10.2013. Udupi.

Sword-carrying *svayamsevaks* were again observed during an RSS procession held from Eloor Mogaveera Hall at Malpe to Vadabandeshwara. There are no reports of any complaint being lodged. - "*Vartha Bharathi*", 29th.

Summary

In all a total of around 121 communal incidents took place during the year 2013. There were 9 incidents related to allegations of religious conversion and 8 incidents of cattle vigilantism. There were some 45 incidents related to moral policing. Hindu vigilantes were allegedly responsible for 23 moral policing incidents. Muslim vigilantes were allegedly responsible for 16 such incidents. In one particular case, (08.08.2013 Mangalore), both groups were involved. In 5 cases identity of culprits was unclear.

Note: All data are based on available local media reports. It is likely that there could be quite a number of unreported cases too.

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